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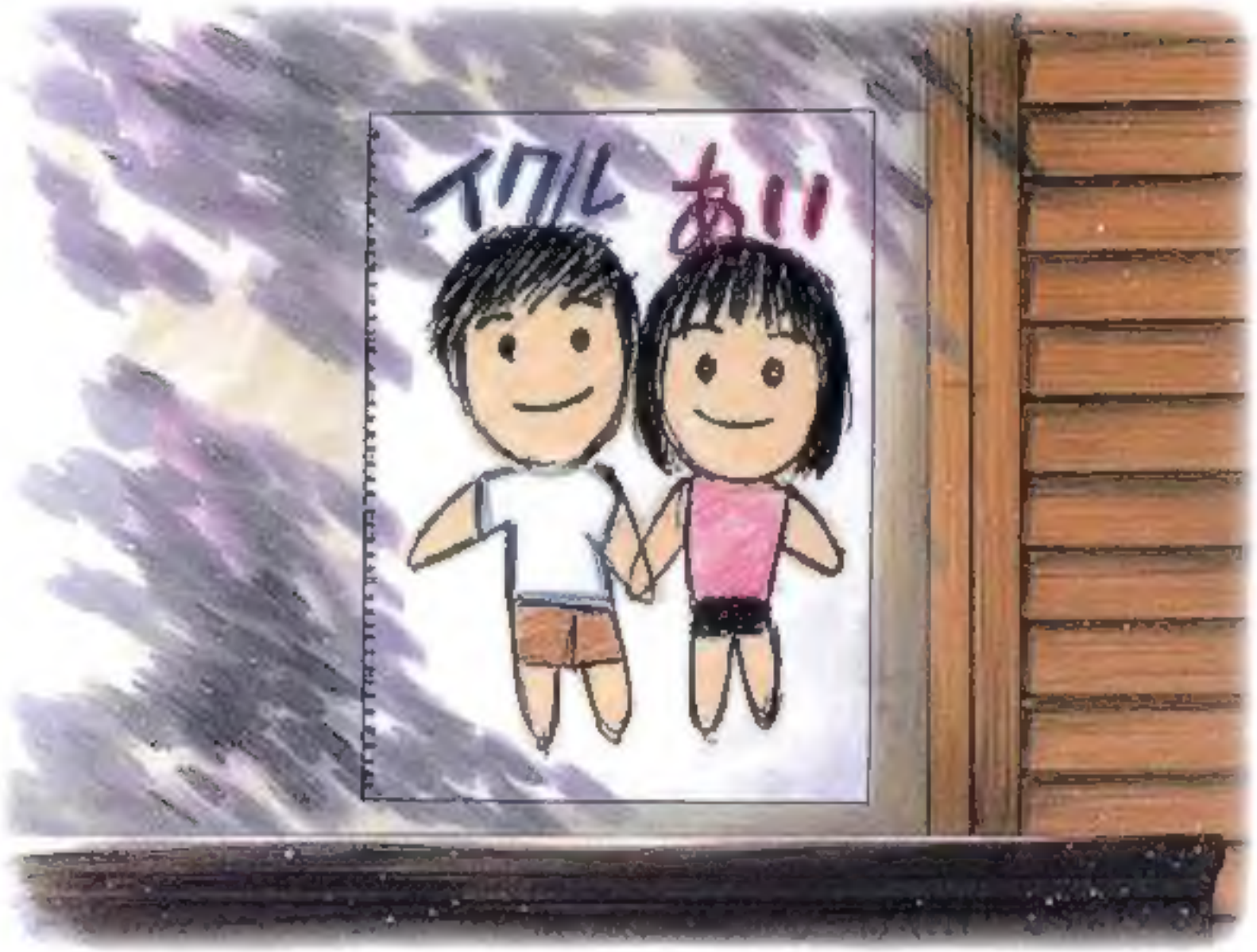

I'M STILL ALIVE.
WITH THE PERSON
I LOVE.
[LOVER AI-REN]

AGH-RMS

Artificial Genes Human Regenerated
for Mental support

[AI-REN]

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#8 FIRST LOVE

愛人 [AI-REN]

THE BREATH THAT BRUSHES AGAINST THE CHEEK.
THE TEXTURE OF LIPS.
AI'S WARMTH.

SFX: <SOUND OF A GENTLY BLOWING BREEZE>

AI AT TIMES...

MAKES ME FEEL HELPLESS.

AND ...

LIKE THIS?

THAT'S RIGHT.

SHE HAS COME TO BE ABLE TO HELP ME AS WELL.

AI HAS COME TO LIKE READING BOOKS.

UH-HUH.

YUP

I'M ALSO GOING TO WASH THOSE CLOTHES, SO GIVE IT TO ME.

AH...

.....

SA-SACHI?

AH...

SFX: <SA-SA-SACHT>

SCHOOP

HERE

WHIIIINNNN

WHIIIINNN

SOMETHING IS CHANGING LITTLE BY LITTLE.

WHIIIINNN

.....

AH ...

HOUSE-SIT THE ENTIRE DAY TODAY

IKURU HASN'T BEEN AROUND SINCE THIS MORNING. THERE MUST BE A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

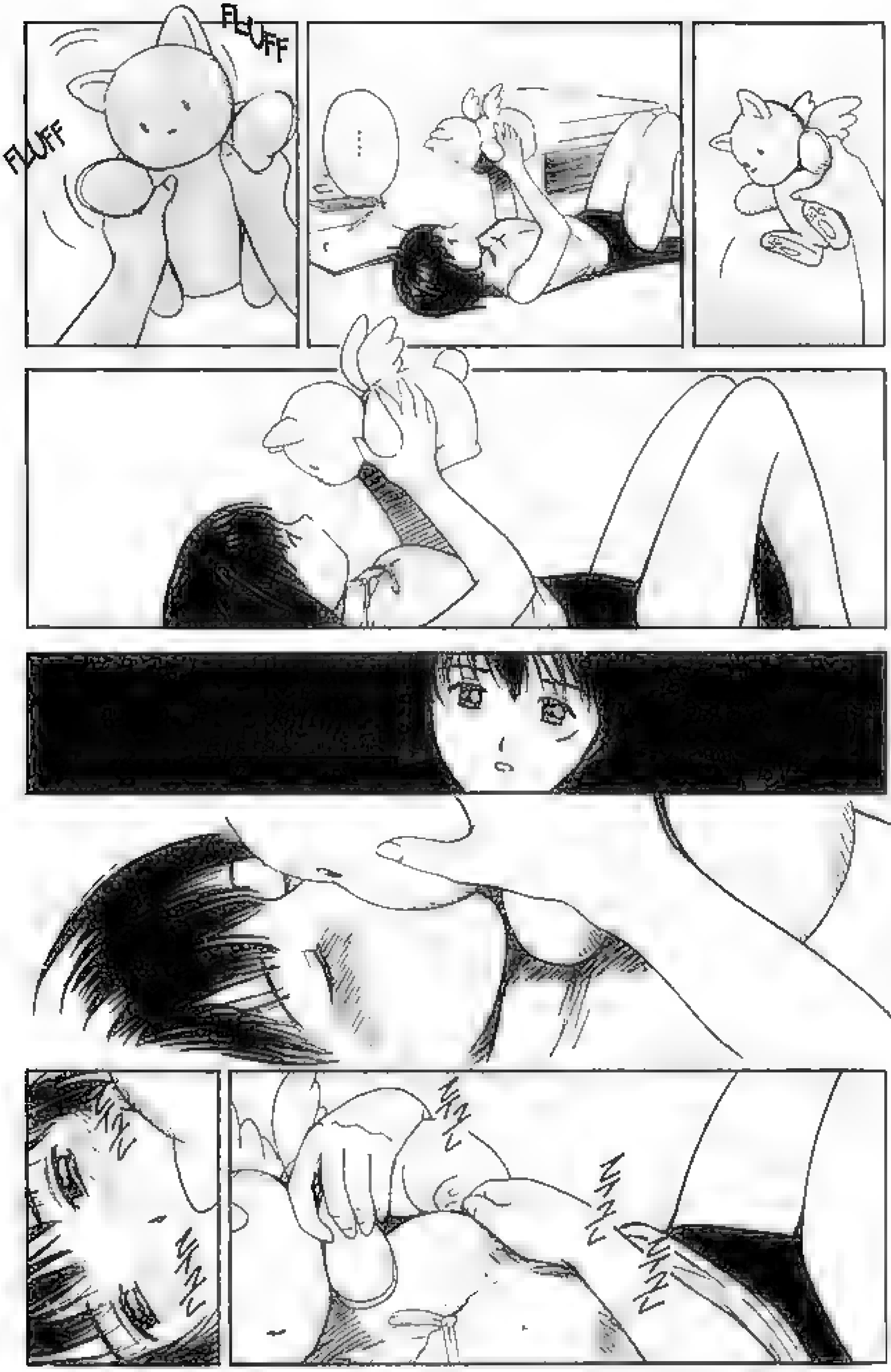
HE SAID HE'LL BUY A GIFT TONIGHT.

BUT I'LL BE ALONE UNTIL THEN.

HUUUU

OI OI

TOK



SFX: <BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP>

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MMM

MMM

MMM

MMM

10
10
10

OH

OH

OH

PANT

SCRIBBLE

WHAT

EARTH

EARTH

FREEZE HER

ONCE AGAIN.

YOU MUST ...

...

THERE IS ONE METHOD.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT HER FATE IS PAINFUL,

HAH,
IT'S HOT.

YOU WORRY ME MORE SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE WHOSE TIME HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED

THE THING YOU MUST BE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT IS YOURSELF

HAH

PLEASE TREASURE WHAT LIFE YOU HAVE LEFT

THE BIG ERASER.

THE NEW SKETCH-BOOK...

I PROBABLY DIDN'T LEAVE OUT AI'S GIFT.

THEN.

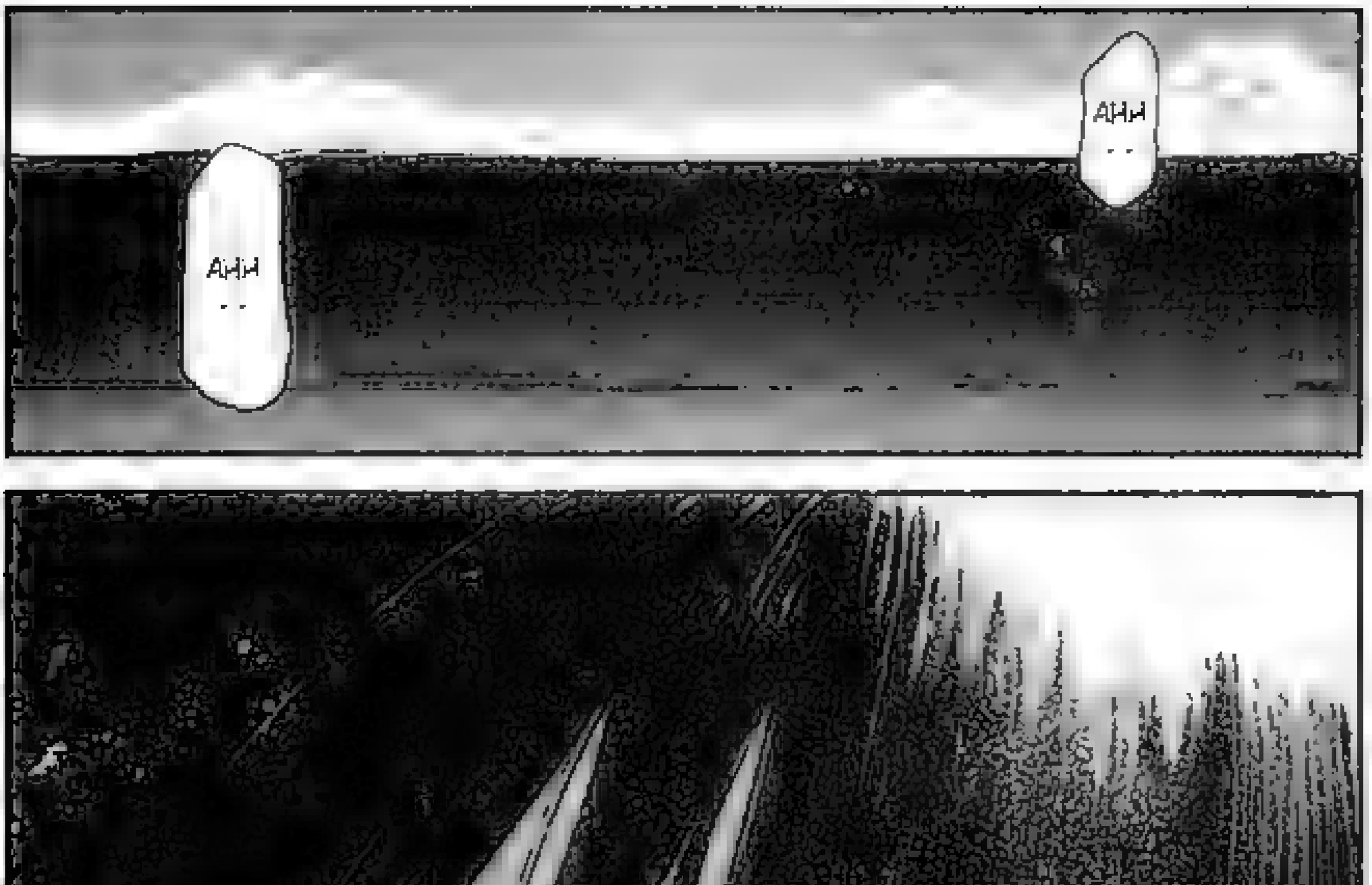
TH[illegible] BOOK OF FAIRY TALES [illegible] HAD TO READ

THE COLOR PENCILS SHE WANTED.

AND THE CHOCO-LATES AND SWEETS

AND

AI LIKES THINGS LIKE THIS... SHE SHOULDN'T EAT TOO MUCH OF THIS.


AHH
AHH

AT THE C TY HALL I F N.SHED AI -REN S STEPS AND FORMAL TIES

THEN, THIS MEANS YOU'LL STILL BE LIVING WITH HER.

THAT SHE .. AI-REN WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE LONG ...

IS T PAIN -FUL?

.....

ISN'T THAT EXPECTED?

PROLONGING AI-REN'S RESUSCITATED AGH'S LIFESPAN IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH OUR TECHNOLOGY.

YOU MUST KNOW, BUT ...

YOUR AI-REN HAS GONE THROUGH THE SEVEN-DAY RESUSITATION PROCESS

WELL ... THERE'S ALSO THE INDIVIDUAL CAR AND

FROZEN WITH THEIR ORIGINAL MEMORY AND PERSONALITY LOCKED AWAY, THEY'RE RESUSCITATED TO COMFORT THE SICK

A-REN IS A TRICK OF RESURRECTION.

ON AVERAGE, AFTER 30 HOURS THE PERSONALITY LEVEL AND THE PHYSICAL AGE ALSO RISES. WE FIRST STABILIZE THEM THERE.

AFTER RESUSCI -TATION, MOVEMENT IS RESTORED AFTER 14 HOURS

AN AGH THAT BECOMES AN AI -REN IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN AS A HUMAN BEING --THAT IS TO SAY, A CURSED BEING.

ONLY AFTER THEY FINISH THE 8 TO 10 MONTHS OF THEIR DUTY, DOES THE APOPTOSIS PROGRAM BEGIN

AND THEIR RESUSCI -TATED LIFE END.

FOR A LITTLE WHILE, THEY CAN LEAD A LIFE AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE LIVED.

BUT BY BEING WITH AI-REN, HUMANS ARE ABLE TO WAIT FOR DEATH

THIS IS A BRUTAL CONVER -SATION ...

SFX: <WAVES BREAKING>

IKURU!!

IKURU

IKURU

IKURU

COME HERE.

IKURU, IKURU.

AH

WEL-COME HOME!

WAIT

HURRY

TA-DA!♡

OO HH HH HH HH ♡

SFX: <BEEP>

THAT'S IMPRE-SSIVE ♡

A!

UH-HUH ♡

THIS.. DID A MAKE THIS?

BY LOOKING AT THIS BOOK!!

Cookin

HOW?

SMILE SMILE

-HI-
HI-HI

CUTE

WOW

LACEY APRON ♡

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S GOOD THAT I BOUGHT THE GIFTS.

YOU WANTED ONE OF YOUR OWN.

SHOULD WE MAKE THIS INTO ME AND AI'S ANNIVERSARY CAKE?

HOW?

WAIT !!

THIS IS THE FIRST CAKE THAT AI MADE.

?

AH!

IKURU ... I ...

I WANTED TO TELL IKURU TO COME SOON, SO I WORKED HARD.

... AHH !!

♫ .....

WOW

ALL DONE.

SFX: <PONG>

IT'S SO ROMANTIC ~

I'M HAPPY BECAUSE AI IS WITH ME.

IT'S FORTUNATE THAT I GET TO LIVE WITH YOU.

I ...

EH !!

(U U)

LIKE AI.

AI

Ai. I REALLY LIKE

BA-BUMP

.....

BA-BUMP

AHH HHH HHH --!!

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

Ai ?!

SFX: <PACH>

Eighty-Six

AI!

<SFX: KKA-DANG>

<SFX: HAH HAH>

BEC-AUSE

YOU OKAY? WHAT'S WRONG ?

AI

<SFX: BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP>

IKURU HAS ...

.....

BECAUSE .

BECAUSE ..

HA ..

SURPRISED .

SURPRISED
~

OOH
~
IKURU
~~

HAHAHA
..
SORRY.

LOOK

I'M
A
BRIDE
♡

IKURU.

IKURU'S BRIDE.

PROMISE THAT TWO PEOPLE WHO LIKE EACH OTHER WILL ALWAYS STAY TOGETHER.

Al

EVEN SO, FOR A ONE AND ONLY LIFE ...

NO MATTER HOW SAD AND PAINFUL ...

PROMISE TO BE TOGETHER UNTIL DEATH.

LOVE EACH OTHER.

A MAN AND A WOMAN WHO SWEAR AN OATH LIKE THAT .

THEY'RE CALLED AI-REN (LOVERS).

TO BE YOUR AI-REN.

I WANT

THE LITTLE TIME THAT REMAINS

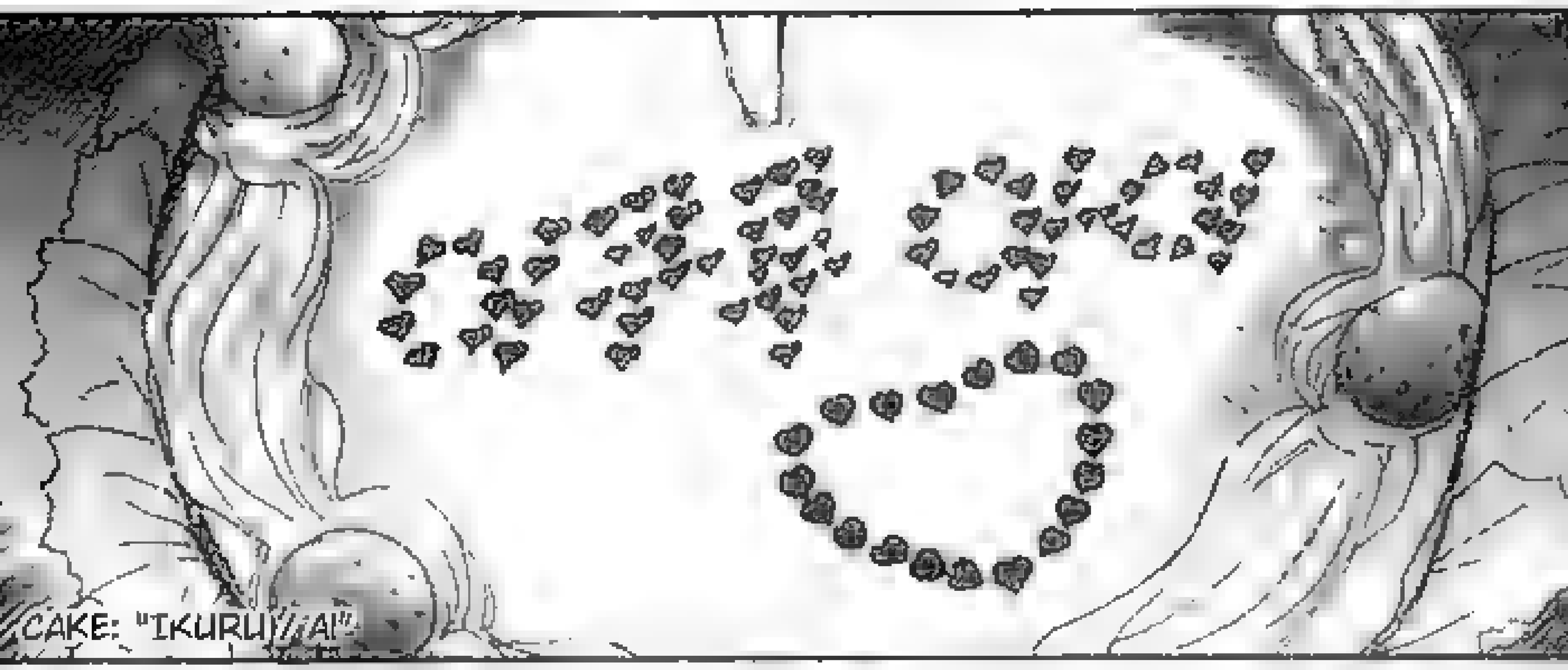
AH ...

WITH ME.

LIVE WITH ME.

Ai...

I REALLY LIKE YOU!



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異人 [ALIEN]

#9

RETURNING TO THIS PLANET

THAT'S RIGHT

...

I WAS VERY
MUCH FOND OF
THIS LANDSCAPE

...

IKURU

IKURU
...

THANKS FOR BEING BORN. IT'S WONDERFUL THAT YOU CAME INTO THIS WORLD.

MOTHER!!

BA-BUMP

IKURU

AH
..

BA-BUMP

MOTHER
..!!

THIS IS
...

MOTHER
..

MOTHER
-!!

IKURU

CONGRAT-
LILATIONS

THAT IS OUR LIFE'S BIRTHPLACE.

ISN'T
T
PRETTY
?

YOU
TOO ARE
THAT
STAR'S
...

SINCE THEY'RE CONGREGATING FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

EVEN THOUGH WE MADE SURE NOT TO LEAK ANY INFORMATION

SHOUTING OF LOVE THROUGH TELEVISED LECTURE,

THEIR EXISTANCE IS ROOTED IN MODERN OCCULT LIKE UFO AND CONSPIRACY THEORIES.

WOULDN'T THEY KNOW THE MOST OF IT?

TO WHAT EXTENT DO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE KNOW OF THE TRUTH?

NO MATTER HOW FALSE THE INFORMATION,

THEY SAVED THE HUMAN RACE.

IT MAY ALSO SEEM TO OTHERS AS WHERE THE END BEGINS FOR THE HUMAN RACE.

THEY MUST HAVE FELT IT TO BE ABSOLUTE TRUTH.

MAY ALSO BE CALLED THE REPRES-ENTATIVES OF THE HUMAN RACE.

OUR ALLIED SPECIAL NATIONAL REPRESE-NTATIVE .

YOU'RE GOING THERE TO CONFIRM IT THEN.

REALLY? WHICH IS THE TRUTH?

INSIDE THE NAVAL BLOCKADE WE ARE WAITING FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERVIEW IN HUMAN HISTORY

A MEMORANDUM FROM KAMALO KALALEN, ALLIED NATIONAL HQ QUARTERS

THIS IS ALSO FATE ...

SO NOTHING CAN BE DONE

DO WE REALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE?

THE BURDEN IS HEAVY

BUT SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT

HITO ... IT IS THEIR NAME

THE GOD OF DEATH TO WHOM THE WORLD HAD BARED ITS THROAT

THE NIGHTMARE OF AN APOCALYPTIC WORLD WAR THAT HAD ALREADY COME BE REGARDED AS A RELIC OF THE PAST

USING THE OPPORTUNITY CREATED BY DISASTERS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE, INSECURITIES OF WAR SWEPT INSTANTLY THROUGH CHINA AND AFRICA.

ABOVE ALL, THEIR KINDSHIP WITH THEIR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS OVERFLOWED.

I COULD SENSE THEIR GREAT INTELLIGENCE, ARTICULATION, AND EVEN HUMOR...

ABOVE ALL, THEIR LECTURE WAS IMPRESSIVE.

TO BE HONEST, EVEN I WAS MOVED.

THEY CAME DOWN RIDING THE HEAVENLY DRAGON

WHO CAN STAND UP TO THE AUTHORITIES LEADING US TO WAR?

TRUTHFULLY, TO SAY THAT THEY'VE SAVED THE WORLD IS NOT EXAGGERATION.

INCLUDING THE SATELLITE.

AT THAT TIME, THEY STOLE WEAPONS CAPABLE OF WORLD-WIDE MASSACRE,

IT WAS ONLY AN ILLUSION ..

BUT ..

THEY WERE SIMPLY AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WOULD APPEAR

MORE POWERFUL THAN THEY.

THE POLIT-ICIANS HADN'T HALTED THE WAR BECAUSE THEY WERE MOVED.

USING A TECHNIQUE MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS.

CLEVERLY ENACTED.

THEY ARE NOT STRANGE BEINGS FROM OUTER SPACE.

IT'S NOT OFFICIAL, BUT WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT FOR OVER 10 YEARS.

THEY ARE NOT THE MESSIAH.

THEIR IDENTITY IS CERTAIN

HE IS NAGI'S SPHINX ---

HE DOES NOT SURPASS THE GENETIC HANDICAP OF PRIX.

THEIR CURRENT LEADER IS THE ONE CALLED KILIT WHO HAD JUST GIVEN A SERMON ...

THAT PURE WHITE HAIR, THE DISTINCTIVE FACE ... ANYONE CAN RECOGNIZE HIM WITH ONE GLANCE.

THEIR ORIGINAL INTENT WAS ON THE EARTH'S SATELLITE'S ORBIT.

IT IS ONE OF THE DISCARDED EXPERI -MENTAL COLONIES.

THEIR TRUE INTENT IS TO CONTROL THE GENETICALLY RECOMBINED LIFEFORMS ABANDONED BY EACH COLONY.

IT MUST BE THE SAME SHOCK THAT APES, WHO USED THE WOODS AS A PARADISE, FELT UPON FIRST MEETING MANKIND ...

THERE IS NO ONE ORIGIN OF MANKIND. THERE WERE TENS OF SPECIES BEFORE US, ONLY OUR ANCESTORS SURVIVED AND CONTINUED TO EVOLVE THEREBY BECOMING MASTERS OF THIS EARTH... AND BECOMING HOMO SAPIENS.

IT IS A MATTER OF HUMAN INTEGRITY

DON'T BRING USELESS THINGS.

I'M TAKING IT JUST IN CASE. NO NEED TO BE

ONLY THE WORD OF OUR RAISED LIFE EXPECTACY IS BASED IN REALITY IN THIS ERA

THE POPULATION OF THE HUMAN RACE HAS DROPPED, OUR EVOLUTION HAS HALTED, AND WE'VE EVEN LOST OUR REPRODUCTIVE CAPABILITIES

OUR CIVILIZATION IS DEGENERATING

IF THEY [illegible] THE "HUMANS" OF THE NEXT [illegible]

THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD REALLY DESCEND FROM THE [illegible]

THAT THE LEADING ROLE WILL BE REPLACED YET AGAIN ON THIS PLANET

HITO'S "DRAGON"

IT'S JUST LIKE

OHHH ..

AN ACT ...!!

IT'S A SIMPLE REFLE-CTION!

ALL FANTASTY ...

IT'S FANTASY ...

IT'S SO PEACEFUL

BUT ..

EVEN A GENTLE AND PEACEFUL BREEZE WAS BLOWING THERE

THE DRAGON'S PARADISE WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WAS IMAGINED

HEAVEN HERE ...

IMAGE OF THE NEXT WORLD

THE PANIC AND DISBELIEF IN THE ASTRONOMICAL WORLD

A YOUNG GIRL NAMED KUMELILAN

WHO GUIDED ROOM WAS

NOT HUMAN

THIS IS A DREAM ...

THE DOOR SILENTLY OPENED AND HE APPEARED

WELCOME

SFX: <KLIOOOO>

I AM KILIT ...

SMIRK

I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHY THAT WAS

I WAS WOWED BY A SENSATION I MYSELF HAD

THE SPEECHLESS

PLEASE KEEP OUR ACTIONS A SECRET. WE THANK YOU FOR WHAT HAPPENED.

HE WAS VERY POLITE AND EVEN HAD A RESPECTFUL TONE

THE FIRST INTERVIEW HAD A SURPRISING PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE

THAT WAS

AN OVERWHELMING YEARNING THAT BROUGHT TEARS TO THE EYES.

...

THAT THERE IS NO LONGER A PLACE WHERE WE CAN REST

WE KNOW AS WELL THAT THE CURRENT EARTH HAS ARRIVED AT THE EVE OF AN APOCALYPSE

WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE A WHOLLY DIFFERENT RACE.

MY BASIC INSTINCT WAS TRIGGERING AN UNENDING STREAM OF ALARM BELLS ...

BUT

FOR WHAT PURPOSE ...?

THEN WHY ...

BUT ..

HIS LOW VOICE WAS FILLED WITH ENDLESS ANGUISH AND COMPASSIONATE GENTLENESS.

SOMETHING ALARMING WITH THIS MAN BEFORE MY EYES

SINCE WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT UNIQUE ..

THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR

THEN WHY

THE DESIRE TO EMBRACE AND COMFORT THAT CURSED BEING WHO IS FILLED FROM DEEP WITHIN MY SOUL

BROTHERS WHO HAVE LIFE SUCH AS YOU HAVE.

ALMOST LIKE GOD'S PARODY WHO HAS EVIL INCLINATIONS ...

I BEG OF YOU.

PLEASE...
PLEASE..

TO NOT LET THIS PERSON BECOME THE ENEMY OF THE HUMAN RACE .!!

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE MY BIRTH

THAT I'VE PRAYED WITH ALL MY HEART ...!!

THE MEANING OF GODS' NAME "HITO" IS .

HE LAUGHED

A LAUGHING FACE THAT COULD NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

ACCORDING TO YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE, IT CERTAINLY

THERE IS NO NEED TO BECOME AN IDIOT

IT'S JUST AS IT IS

"HITO" IN JAPANESE MEANS A HUMAN BEING --

GOD... PLEASE HELP US--!

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ｷｽ...

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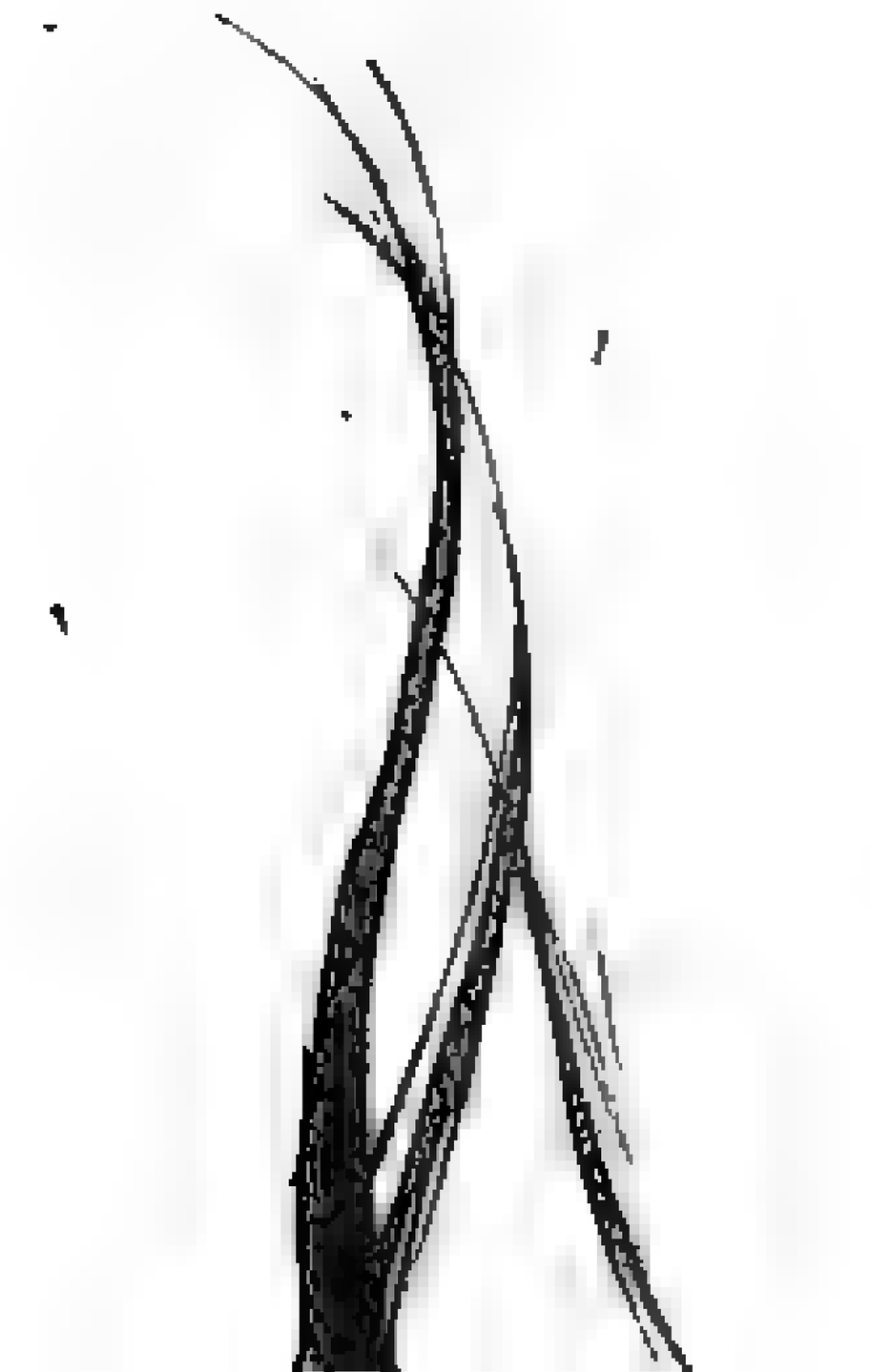
PEOPLE
ARE
BURNING
!!

S
BURNING
!!

MY
MOTHER

I'M
BURNING

I'M DEAD...



LIFE

I RETURNED
TO THIS PLANET

TAKE
MY
HAND

AI

AI

AH, IT'S
DANGER
-OUS
!!

OOF
!

I'M STILL ALIVE

UH-HUH

THE FULL MOON IS SO BEAUTIFUL.

I'VE RETURNED TO THIS PLANET

IKURU

WHY?

AND BESIDE ME S

THE PERSON WHOM I LIKE

BEAU-TIFUL ♡

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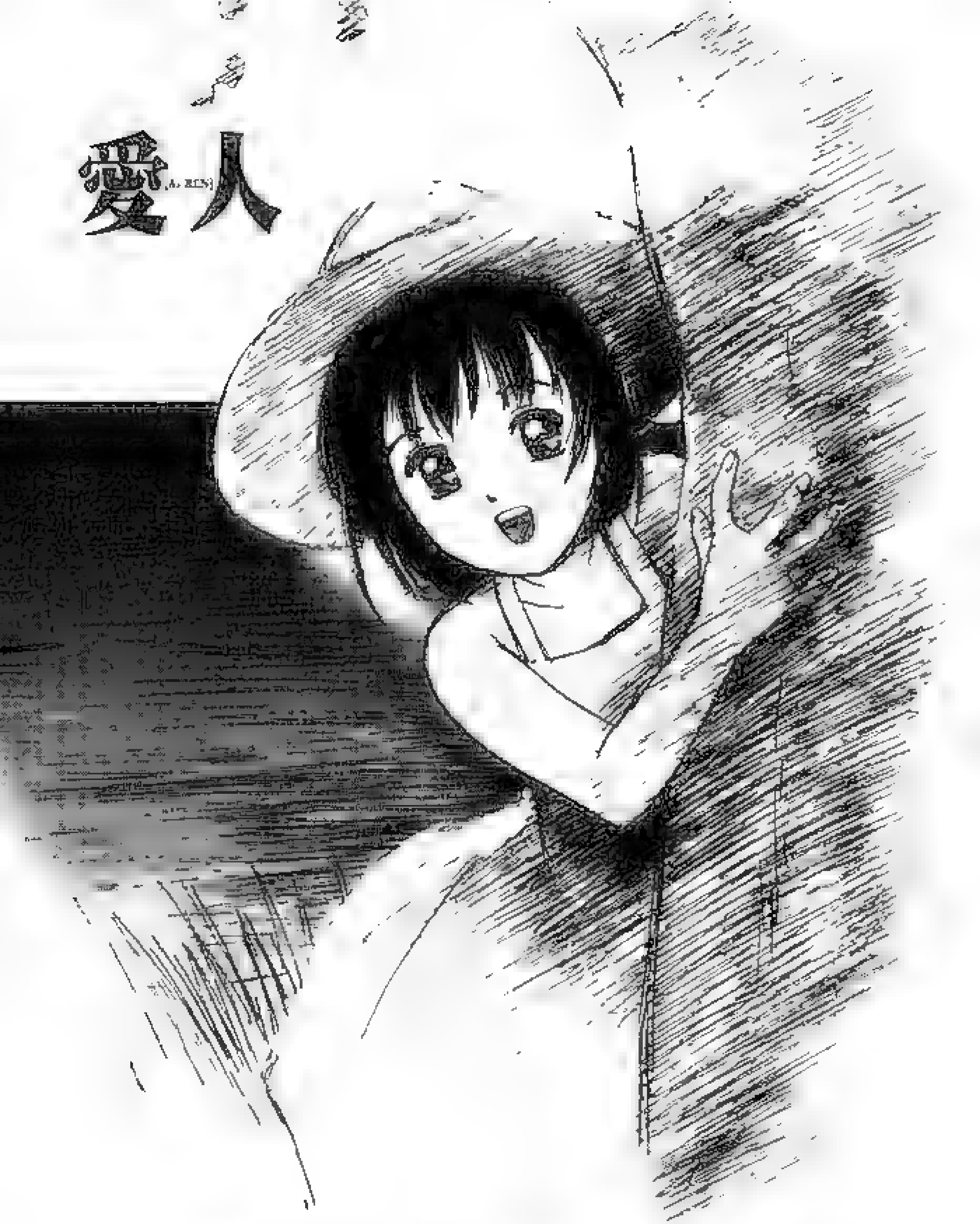


#10 Still Life [Peaceful Life]

HOT WOK
HERE, THIS IS A'S
I'LL BE ABLE TO EAT SOLID FOOD TODAY
THEREFORE.
I REALIZED AFTER WAKING UP THIS MORNING
HM
THAT I AM IN GOOD CONDITION

TA-DA!

WE ARE A BIT EXCITED

PULL

HEAT UP THE PAN AND

TWO FRESH EGGS

CRACK

CRACK

ONE

TWO

THREE

FOUR

CAN'T STIR TOO MUCH OR ELSE THERE WILL BE A FOAM.

AND A BIT OF CREAM

SALT, PEPPER

FOOD

DONE!

SCRAMBLE!! SCRAMBLE!!

STIR SWIFTLY WITH CHOPSTICKS AS SOON AS THE EGG STICKS

OOPS!

LOOK LOOK IKURU!!

LUM

LUM

AH!!

DONE!! IT'S DONE!!

WOW --!

HUFF HUFF

THANKS FOR THE FOOD!

?

HURRY UP AND EAT.

.....

STARE

LI

GULP

UM

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

SFX: (GOOD!)

DELICIOUS!

IT'S REALLY DELICIOUS!

AMAZING AI--!!

MM-HMM
TRY MINE TOO!
SFX: <CICADA CHIRPS>

SFX: <CICADA CHIRPS>

LIVING HERE.

SFX: (CICADA CHIRPS)

THE BLOSSOMING CHERRY TREE

LOOKING AT

GOOD GOOD

PRETTY PRETTY

AH !!

THE WAREHOUSE

AI HAS COME TO BE INTERESTED IN MUSIC

ABSORBED!!

ABSORBED!!

GUITAR STRONG

ONE, TWO --

SFX: <CHING>

I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!!

TA TA TA!!

DA DA TA!!

APPEARANCE OF A NEW SENSATION!!

SFX <CHING CHING CHING CHING>

Shake Hip.!!

YEAH!!

BOOTY DANCE!!

AI WANTS TO CONQUER EVERYTHING

CREAK

AI HAS AN INTEREST IN EVERYTHING

TWO

ONE

UH

SLOW DOWN

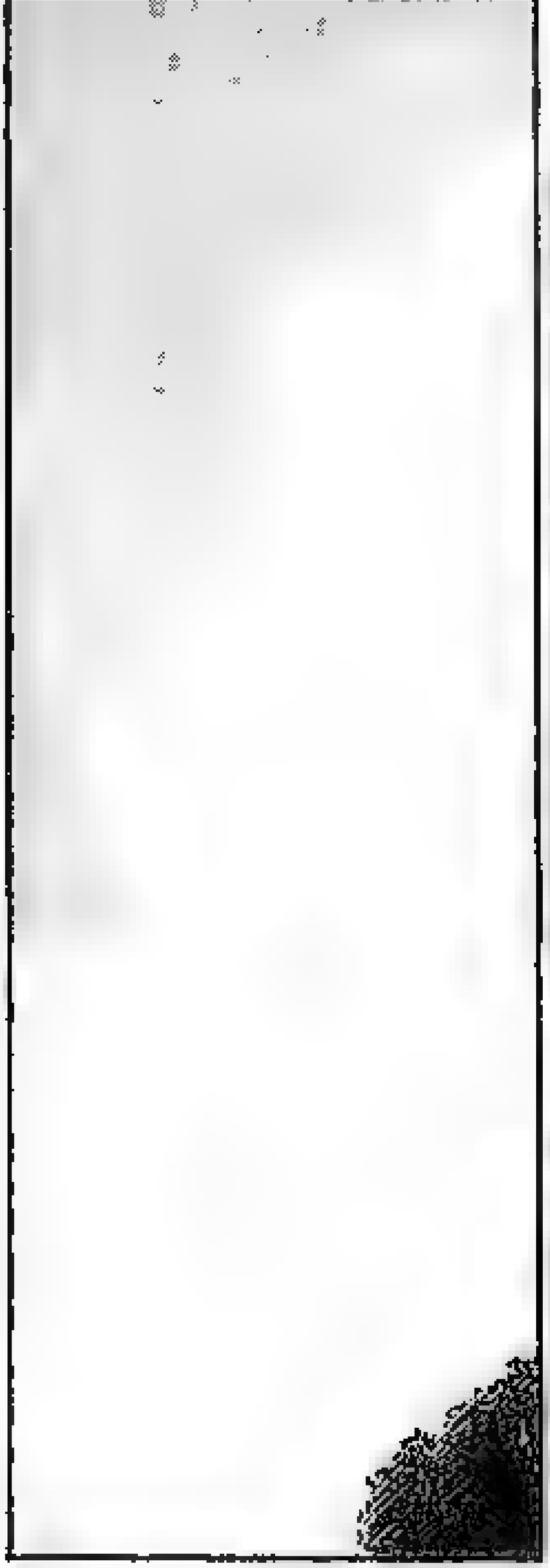
UH UH

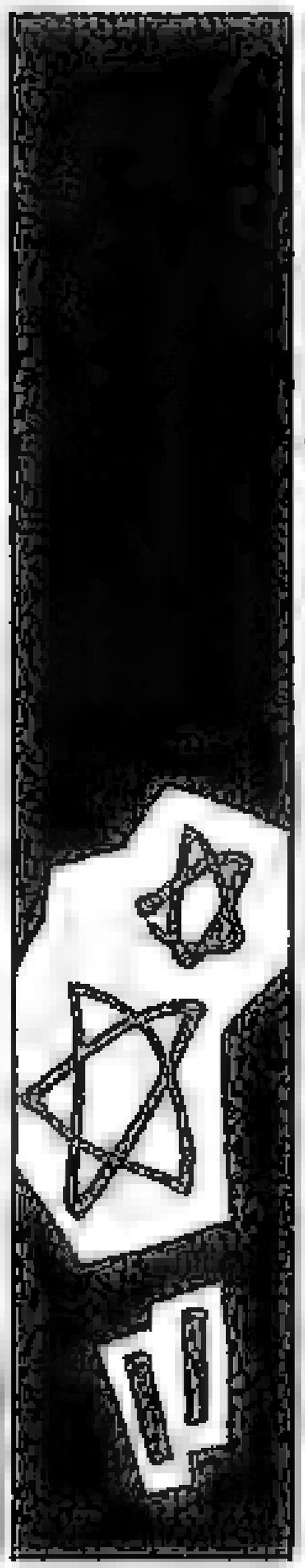
UH-HUH

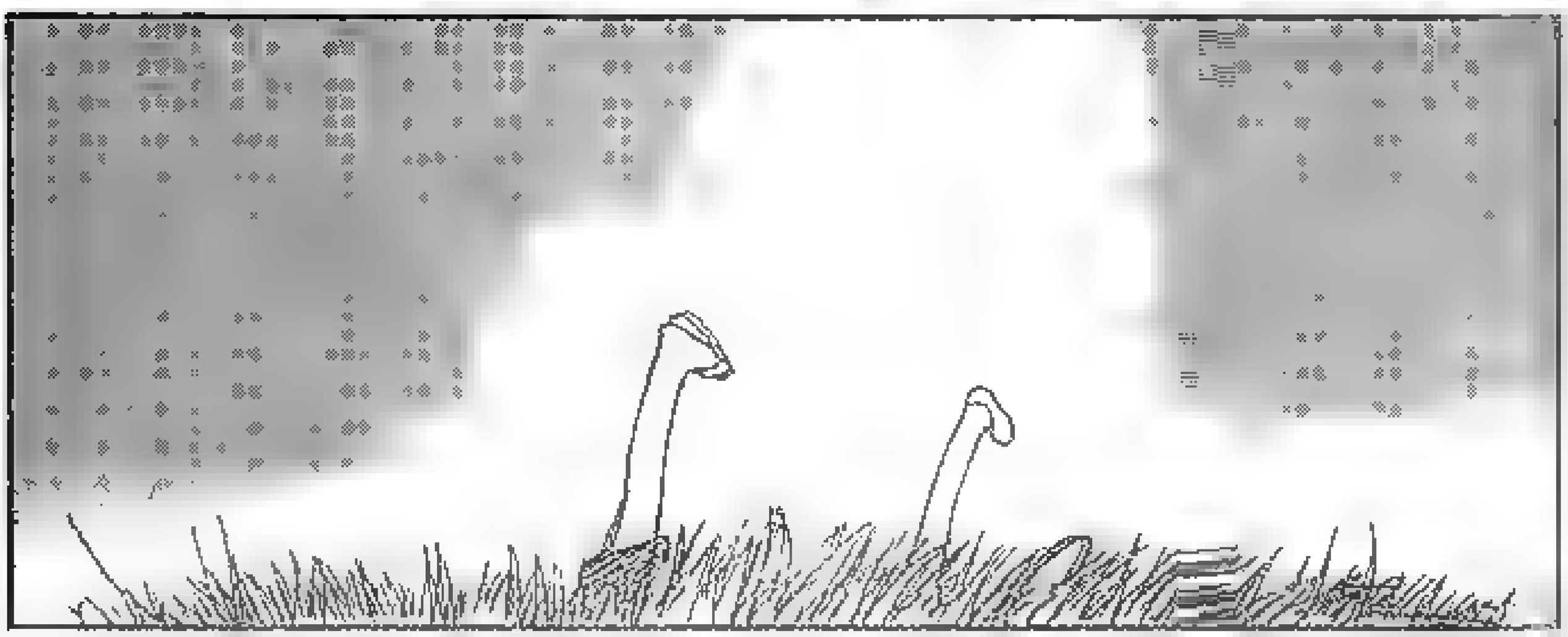
LET'S GO

UH

UH







A. AND
I ARE
LIVING ON
. .

DRIP

BIG PRO-BLEM

POIT

POIT

AH

SFX <POURING RAIN>

UWAAAA!

IT'S OKAY! I'LL DO IT LATER!

AI!!

HURRY IN--!!

THIS RAIN IS HARMFUL --!!

SFX <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>

SFX <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>

AH?!

SFX <BEEP BEEP BEEP>

SFX: <POURING RAIN>

THEY'LL BE ALRIGHT. WE GAVE THEM MEDICINE.

W-- THE TOMA-TOES BE OKAY?

AND SINCE TOMATOES THESE DAYS ARE HARDY ..

However, the truth is that number of missing persons has not been accurately addressed yet.

In this way, the disaster area is coping.

Is to prevent the terrorism borne from the chaos

Our Calelen allied special national representative states that the blockade at the south pole..

They're gathering relief funds for the southern hemisphere at this point

The entire world has joined for this rescue effort

YOU WANT TO BATHE FIRST?

-HM- HMM

A shocking special!

BOOM!

TA-DA! THE APPEARANCE OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS! AT THE SOUTH POLE!

The fact that those who are different from us called "aliens" live in the colony above our heads.

Today's special corner --!!

Those who are being called the Alien-Faith!

IKURU, COME WATCH!

Our staff at broadcasting has come across a shocking truth!

No matter what, the "Alien Religion" is considered to be an occult's superstitions to most people --

They say that these "aliens" will someday descend to this earth and save the world with their psychic powers

The scene is the south pole

What we will show you henceforth will be footage from the southern hemisphere taken by chance.

How-ever --!!

And there are also those who warn that these "aliens" will be the bearers of the apocalypse to this world

Something akin to a portion of a tremendous spaceship has been filmed.

WHERE ~?!

See it? That shadowy form behind the navy

YOU SHOULDN'T GET TOO INTO THESE TYPES OF BROADCASTS.

THESE ARE TRASHY PRO-GRAMS!

WOW --

IS IT THIS?

THIS! THIS!

The cameraman who filmed this has been taken into custody of the Allied Special National Army and cannot be reached

WHAT'S THIS?

WHERE? WHERE?

We can see the "alien" spaceship!!

All we can hope is that they are our saviors

ABOUT NOW, THERE MUST BE AN IMPRESSIVE UPROAR ABOUT USING THE SITE OF A DISASTER AS ENTER-TAINMENT

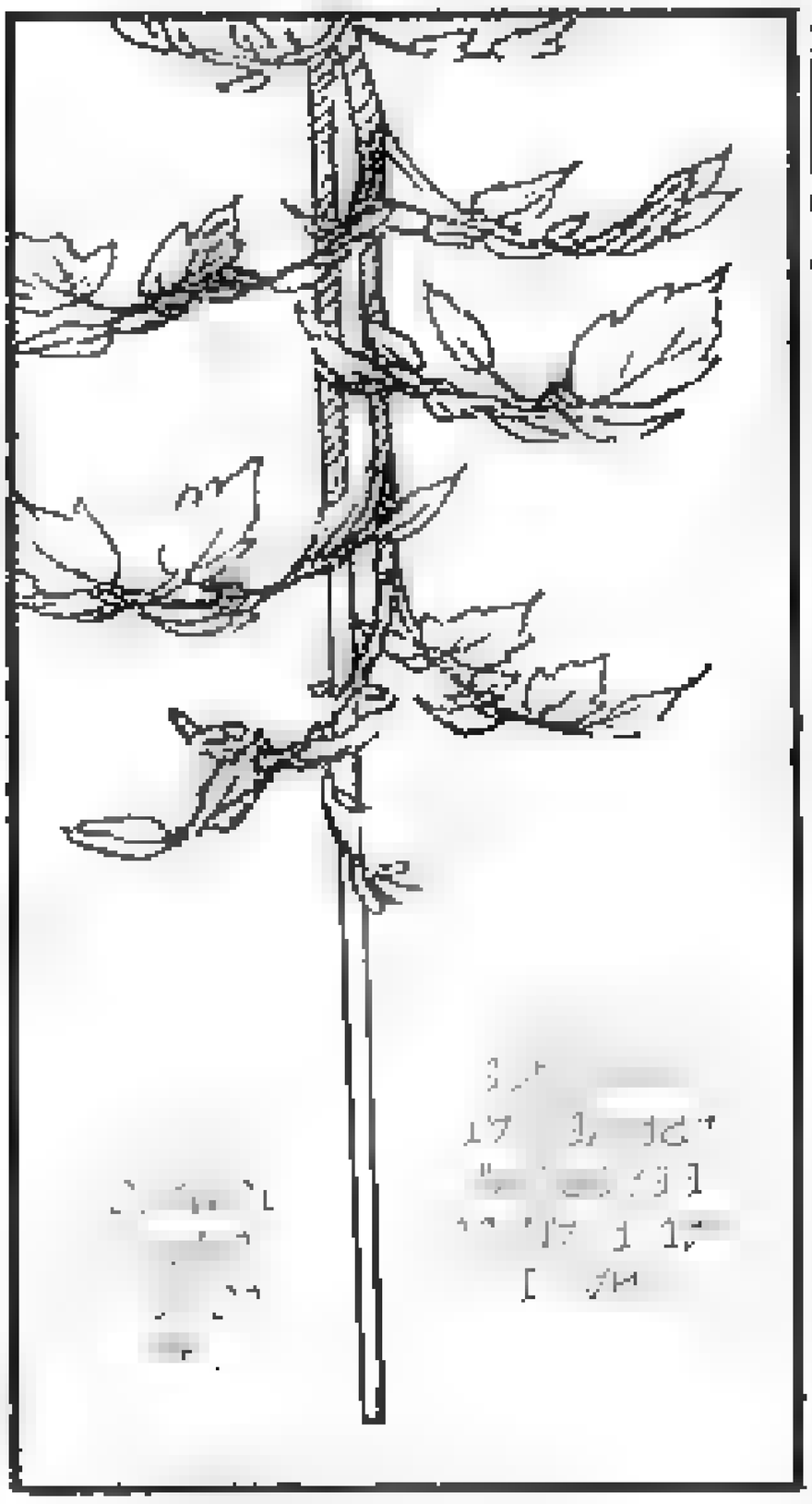
THESE ARE ALL MADE UP

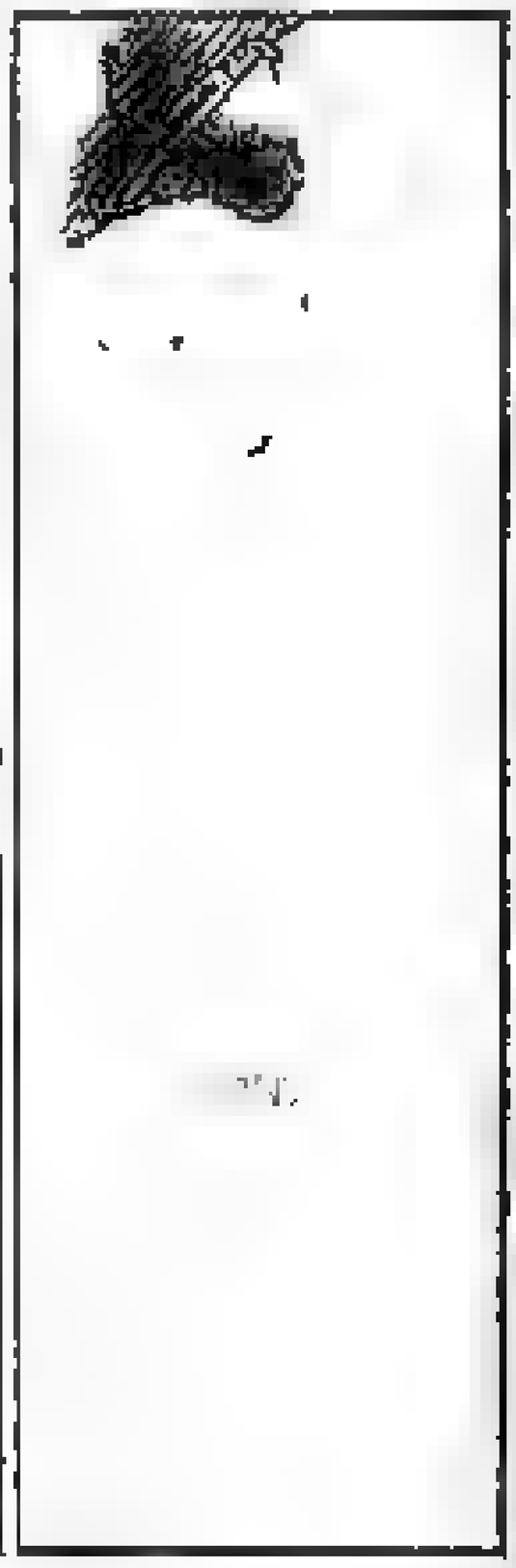
HUH? THESE ARE LIES?

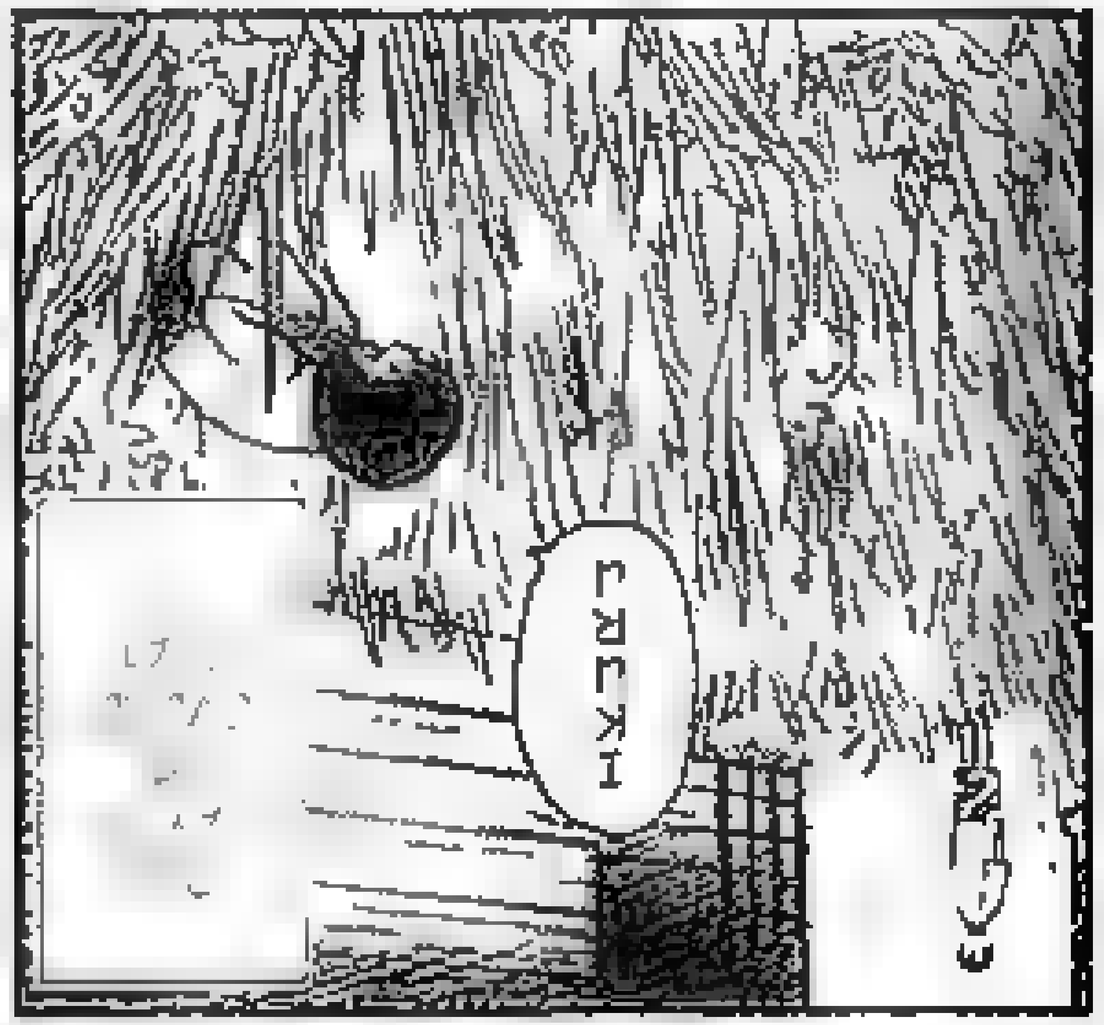
The "aliens" had already descended on earth!!

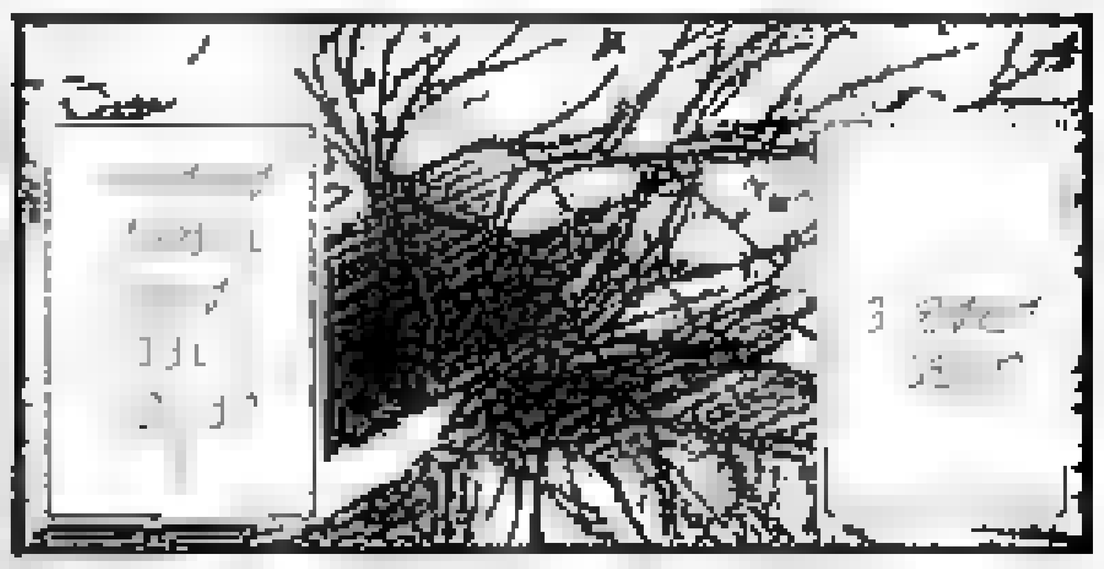
MINGLED WITH THE SOUND OF RAIN, ONE OF ANTI-WAR DAYS WAS COMING TO AN END

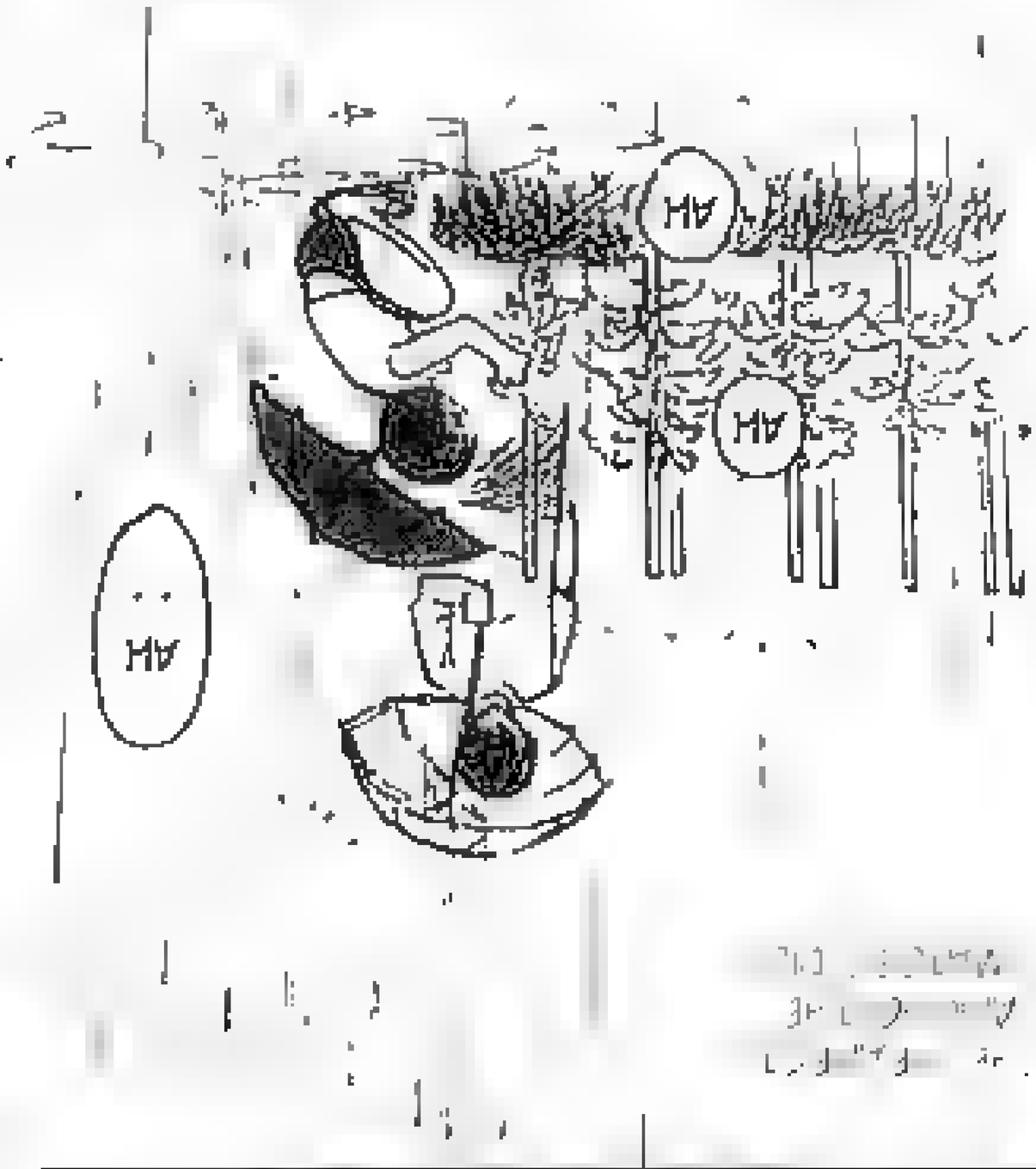
SFX: (SOUND OF POURING RAIN)

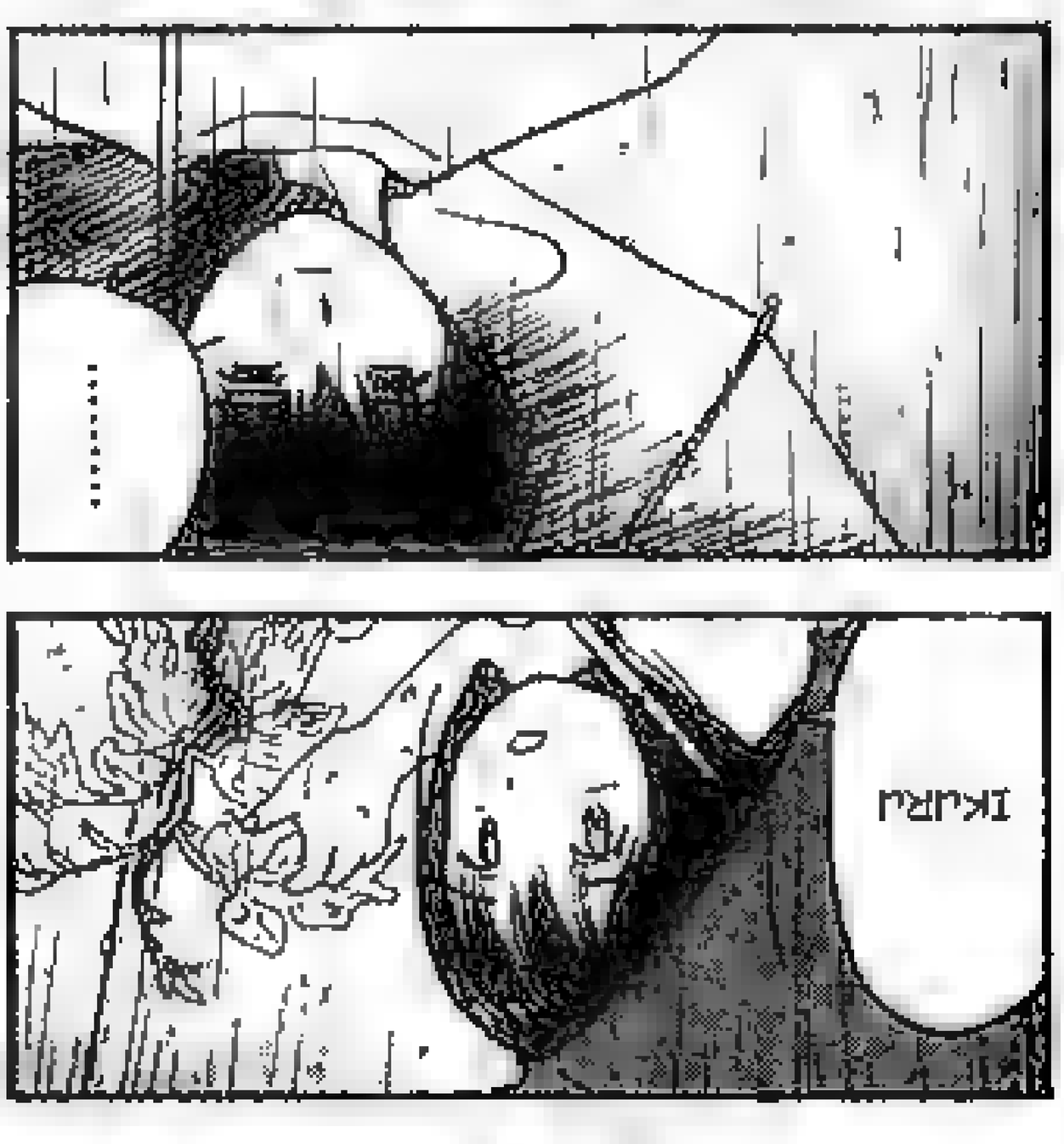


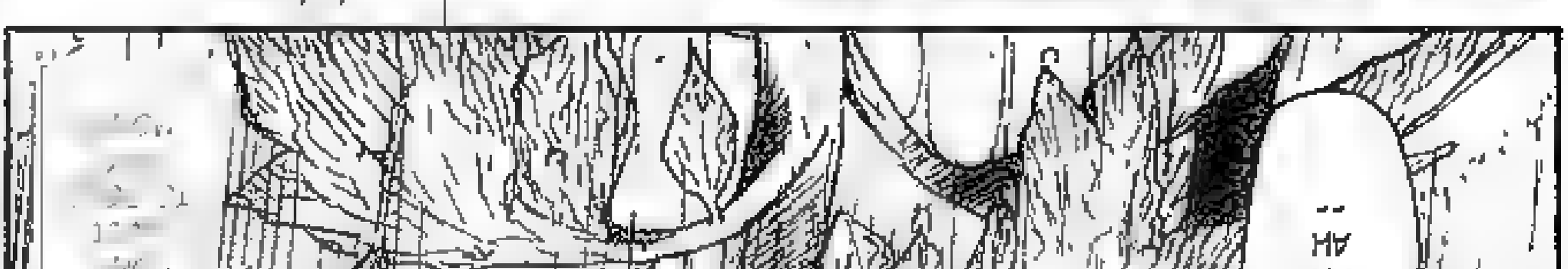












LOOK AT THIS~

AMAZ-ING!

I TOLD YOU YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN THIS RAIN!!

YOU MIGHT CATCH SOMETHING!

AI!!

AI!!

ENOUGH ALREADY, COME IN!

SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>

Ai!!

SFX: KBEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>

Ai!!

BE GOOD

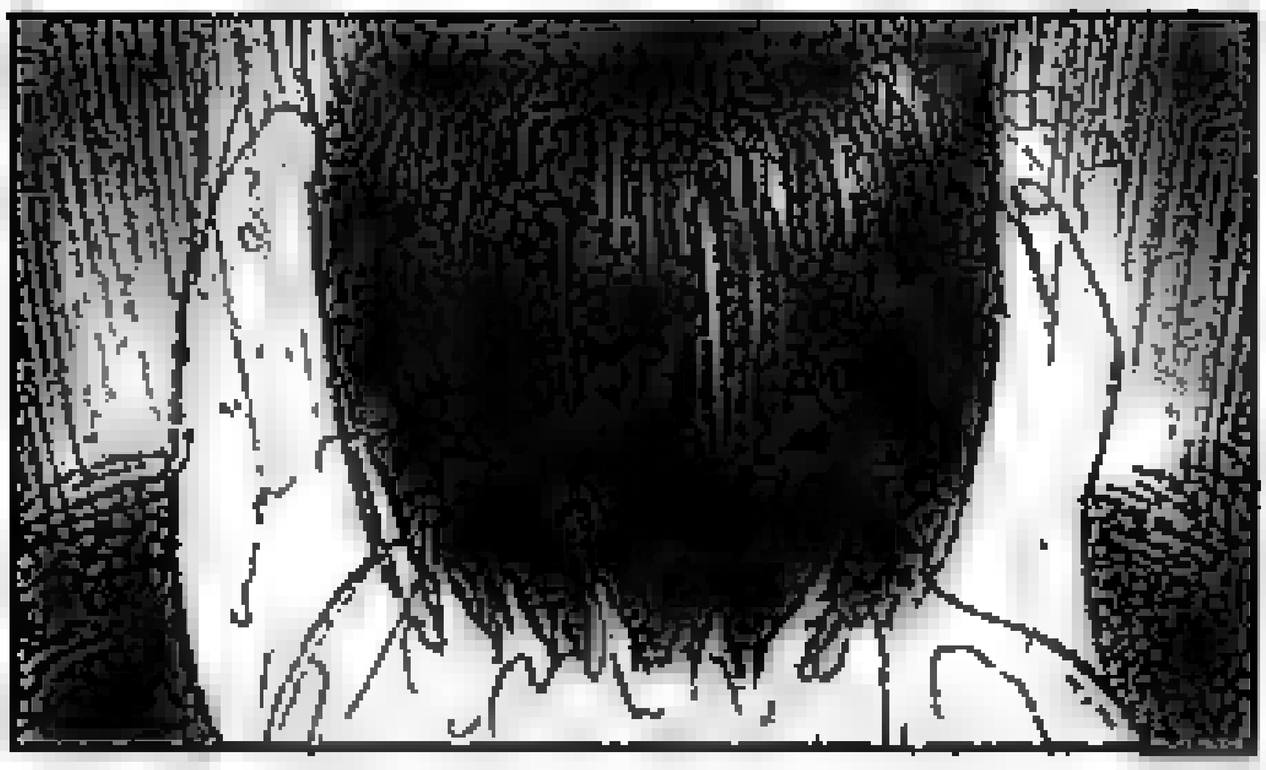
THERE THERE

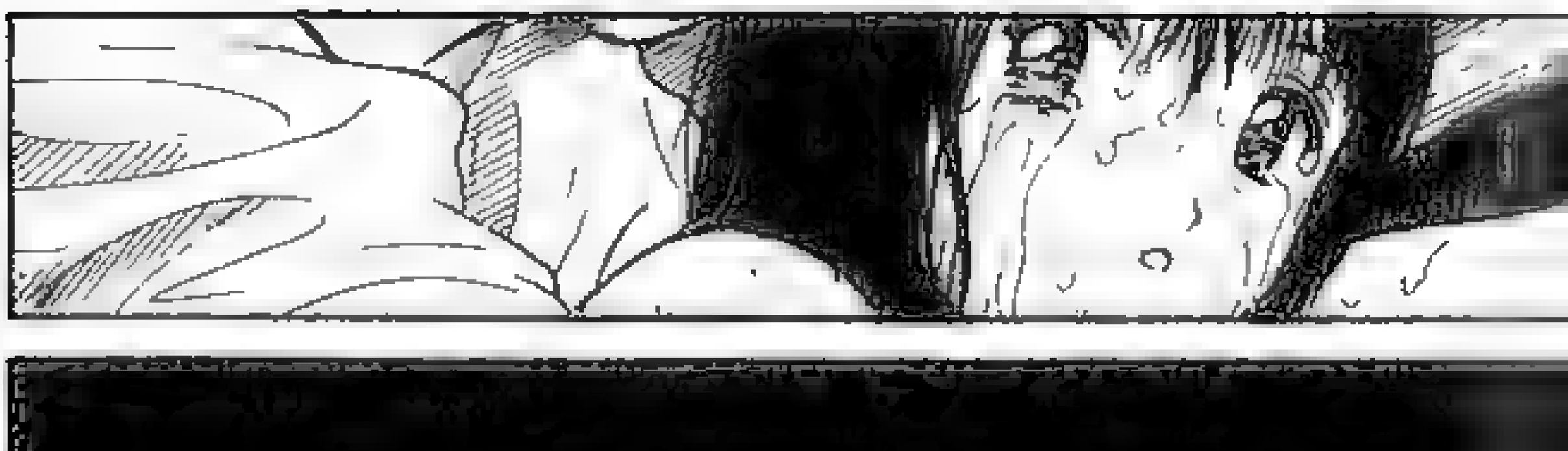
BE STRONG.

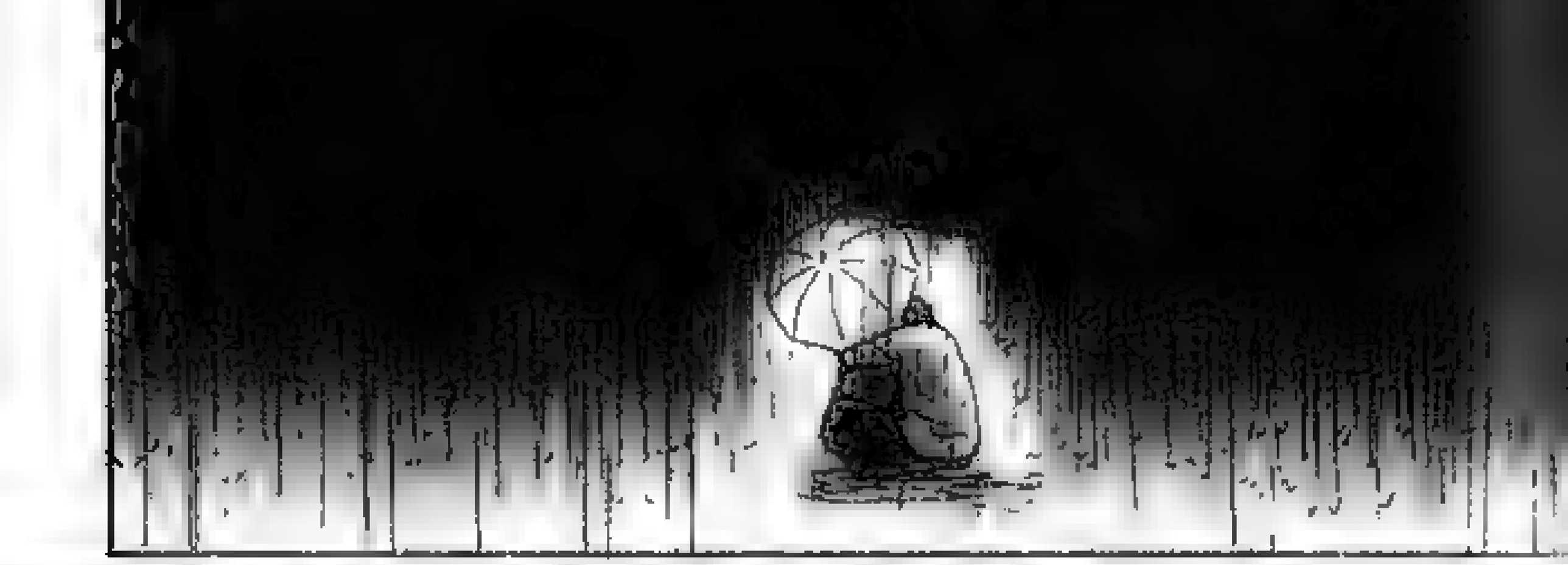
LIKE OAK

LIKE OAK

SFX: <RAIN POURING>







BE STRONG !!

IYAAAA AAAAAA ~!!

R DE, IKURU ~!

TOO STRE-SSFUL

ALTHOUGH I MAY HAVE BEEN

AI AND I ARE

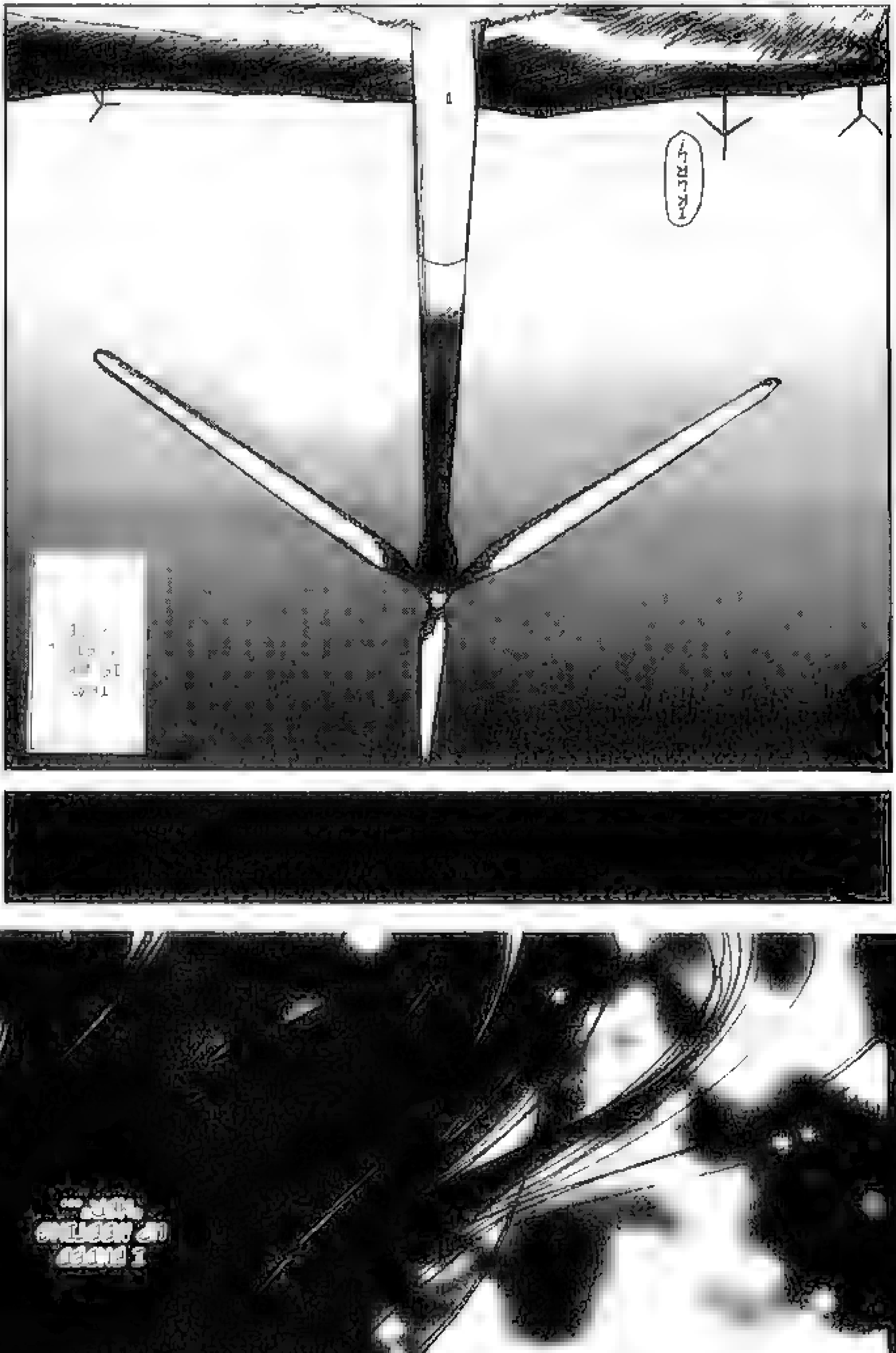
[#10 -끝-]

進撃の巨人 [ATTACK ON TITAN]

#11 Home Sweet Home ~Children~

BUT THEN

BUT THEN



TEACHER HARUKA'S PLACE IS ONLY A LITTLE FURTHER

UH-HUH

REALLY?

AH, IT'S NOTHING.

WHAT'S WRONG IKURU?

YOU OKAY?

SEE THERE..!

YOU'LL BE SURPRISED WHEN YOU SEE MY TEACHER'S HOUSE.

HM!

HUH? WHY?

CRASHING WAVES

WOW !!

TEACHER'S PLACE IS OVER THERE.

HUH ?

AMA-ZING ---

THAT'S NOT A BUILDING

YOU

YOU ARE ..

YOSHIZUMI...
IKURU RIGHT?

YOU CAME LAST TIME TO PICK UP THE TEACHER?

YES, THAT'S RIGHT

YOU ARE DEFINITELY..

YOU

LOOK LOOK

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?

AH... YOU SEE..

WHO IS THAT CHILD..?

SHE CAN'T BE YOUR LITTLE SISTER.

IT'S FORTUNATE THAT YOU LOOK HEALTHY

NONSENSE!!

I REMEMBER

AH,

I OWE YOU A LOT FOR THAT TIME.

IT'S AN AI-REN

THE PERSON I LOVE . . THIS IS HER.

I . .

IS THAT SO ?!

OH --!

AI- REN

PONG

THAT'S REALLY GREAT!

HO HO -- THAT'S GREAT!

SO THAT'S IT~?!

HONEY !!

HONEY !!

I HAVE ONE TOO!!

"

YES

SFX <WHAAAAAAA!?>

THIS PERSON IS MY HUSBAND ~

Oh

WHY? WHAT IS IT?

WHY ARE YOU YELLING AND MAKING SUCH A COMMO-TION?

HERE'S ONE MORE ..

AND

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

HO

CLAP

CLAP

HO HO --

CLAP

IS SOMEONE WE LOVE

INSIDE HERE ..

THAT'S RIGHT

HUH? INSIDE YOUR BELLY?

ADVANCED THE TECHNOLOGY, NONE KNEW HOW. ONE WHO RECEIVED [illegible] WOULD BE BORN.

PING

EVEN SO, I WON'T KILL IT.

DEFINITELY NOT

EV-EN SO ...

THIS CHILD IS ALSO LIKE ME ..

THE RES-ULTS OF THE EXAM CAME ..

FARE-WELL ~~!

STOP BY ON YOUR WAY BACK!

OHH OHHH ---

OOH OHHH ---

A SPACE-SHIP.

THIS IS REALLY ..

YUP

SPACE-SHIP ?!

SFX: KBA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BAM BAM BAM BAM!

KUH?! CAN WE GO IN?!

WOW

WOOO

OOOW!

THIS WAS THE RESEARCH SATELLITE UP IN SPACE.

BECAUSE IT'S ONLY AN ORDINARY HOUSE RIGHT NOW...

UH-HUH.

WOW!

RUB RUB

THE CHILDREN WHO PLAY EXUBERANTLY IN THEIR IGNORANCE

HOWEVER . . .

FLING

SFX: <KICK!!>

SFX: <CLANG>

GRIP

FOOTSTEPS

DRAG DRAG

LET'S HURRY, AI

HM-PH !!

HM-PH !!

IT'S SO BOTHER-SOME... WHAT IS IT ...?

WELCOME

ARE YOU OKAY TEACHER?

THANKS

WE CAME TO VISIT YOU

HARUKA

IT WAS A SIMPLE OPERATION ON BOTH PARTS SO I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT.

UM-HUH. I CAN EAT NORMALLY FROM TODAY ONWARDS..

IT'S LIKE WEARING UNFAMILIAR CLOTHING.

IT'S STILL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE OFCOURSE, BUT

OH MY

"HARUKA, GET WELL"

THANKS

HUP
HUP

SFX. <MASSAGE>

I WAS ABOUT TO EAT THESE COOKIES

SO CAN YOU BRING TEA, IKURU?

SURE

HA HA

IT SUITS YOU WELL

YOU CAME WEARING A PRETTY DRESS TODAY!

IT'S THE BASEMENT PHARMACY, RIGHT

IT'S ALREADY TIME FOR MY PILL!

OH MY.

SFX. <BEEP BEEP>

IT'S NOT HERE

OH MY,

CLICK

EXCEPT THROUGH DECAPI-TATION . .

NEVER GETTING OLD NOR ILL . .

NO ONE CAN KIL.. ME . .

CUMB-ERSOME BODY

NORMAL PEOPLE MUST SEE ME AS THE SPHINX GOD.

SFX. <FWWID>

TOKI

AHH . . THE USUAL . .

AH . . .

SFX: <BAND

HMM

IKURU, HOW IS MY CONDITION?

I HAVE A FAV-OR TO ASK.

TEA-CHER

. . . . . .

IKURU?

I UNDER-STAND

.....

WITH-OUT ME

HOW SAD W..L A. BE ...

PLEASE ... LOOK AFTER AI ..

WHEN THAT HAPPENS ...

AS EXPECTED ... I THINK I'LL BE DEAD BEFORE YOU ...

THE MEMORIES OF THAT TIME ...

IT KEEPS POPPING UP THESE DAYS,

YES ...

DID SOME-THING HAP-PEN ?

THE DESTROYED COLONY, THE FLAMING PEOPLE, THE BIG BLUE EARTH COMING CLOSER AND ITS SCENT AND HEAT ..

I FOUND OUT AFTER READING THE RECORDS BUT IT DIDN'T FEEL REAL.

ME-MO-RY?

I HAD DIED ...

IT'S LIKE MY LIFE IS NOT MY OWN.

IT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE --!!

IT'S A WRONG LIFE.

REAL ENOUGH TO RAISE GOOSE-BUMPS !

A SENSATION . .

I COULDN'T . .

. . . SURVIVE THAT TIME . .

I DON'T EVER WANT TO MAKE AI SAD !!

AI SMILES FOR ME --!!

EVEN SO, THERE'S SOMEONE I LIKE!

MUST I MAKE OTHERS FEEL SCARED, PAINED, AND SAD?!

YET WHY STILL . .

THE REAL ME MUST HAVE DIED WITH MY MOTHER . .

I'M ASKING WHO REVIVED ME --!!

WHO MADE ME TH S WAY ...?!

EEEEYA !!

STEP

THERE

WHERE'S THE BASE-MENT ~?

OOF!

SFX: <KICK2>

MURMURS

.....

MURMURS

IKURU

AI !!

SWAP

YOUR ...

... YOUR NAME --?!

SFX: <PAIT>

NO ONE WILL SAVE YOU.

YOU LACK RESOLVE

NOT BEFORE AND NOT EVER --

REMEMBER WELL THAT THIS WORLD AND UNIVERSE . .

DOES NOT HOPE FOR AN EXISTENCE SUCH AS YOURS!

THAT IS REALITY IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU LIVE IN.

WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE DOESN'T MATTER --!

NO ONE EXISTS THROUGH THE HOPE OF SPACE NOR NATURE, GOD NOR SOCIETY --

I WILL STILL LIVE ON EVEN IF THE WORLD DOES NOT WANT ME OR ABANDONS ME.

WE'RE FOLLOWING THE PRIMAL INSTINCT INSTILLED BY NATURE --

THE REASON WE'RE LIVING ON...

IN THIS WORLD ..

PUSH AHEAD WITH YOUR MEMORIES --

YOU HAVE A REASON TO FIGHT!

BRUSH

YOU MUST FIGHT ON WITH THIS WORLD THAT DOESN'T WANT YOU --!!

EVEN SO ..

YOU WILL INEVITABLY HAVE TO FACE DEATH ..

WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAVE YOU EVEN IF WE UTILIZED ALL SCIENCE AVAILABLE TO US, IKURU.

Ohhhh

BECAUSE

YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT ...!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

#11 - END

#12 Home Sweet Home II ~Blue Sky & Sunset~

Ah

?

?

HO
HO
HO
—

RIGHT
RIGHT

DONG
DONG

AH

RIGHT!
RIGHT!

HOO
HOO

WOW

.....

YOU —
KNOW
WHAT
THAT IS
?

LOOK
..

DO
THEY
...

KNOW
WHAT
HUMAN
BEINGS
ARE?

HELLO ~!!

I THINK THEY'RE IN A GOOD MOOD.

HEALTHY, SMART, AND GOOD CHILREN!

THEY'RE SMILING BRIGHTLY!

HH-HUH

THESE CHILDREN KNOW NEITHER OR LIGHT NOR SOUND —

THEY LOST THEIR FORMS EVEN BEFORE BIRTH —!!

HMMM

YET THEY STILL LIVE IN THIS WAY —

AH

TRULY CLINGY/ STUBBORN ..

SO YOUR MISTER ~?

I'M A SOLDIER —

I THREW AWAY MY NAME

I LOST SIGHT AS WELL AS SOUND BECAUSE OF THAT

AHHH ..

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

SPACE !!

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

I WAS A SPECIAL SOLDIER IN THE STELLAR WAR ...

MADE MY BODY AND HEART FEEL NEITHER PAIN NOR SADNESS.

THE STRONGEST MAN IN HISTORY ...

HA

RIGHT NOW, ALL I CAN DO IS TO COMFORT AND PROTECT THESE "HIRUKO"S ..

SINCE THE HUMAN RACE IS ALREADY DYING OUT!

AND THE STELLAR WARS DID NOT COME TO PASS ..

ALTHOUGH I HAVE BECOME USELESS ...

HIRUKO ...?

I MEAN THOSE CHILDREN

CHILDREN SACRIFICED FOR EVERYONE'S HAPPY FUTURE ...

ATTEMPTING TO USE GENETIC ENGINEERING TO MAKE SUPERIOR AND LONGER-LIVED HUMANS... THESE ARE THEIR FAILED EXPERIMENTS!

HA!

THEY WOULD HAVE PLAYED INNOCENTLY IN THESE FIELDS —!

THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN BORN WITH ORDINARY FATES IF LEFT ALONE —

SACRIFICING THESE YET UNBORN CHILDREN UNABLE TO REFUSE OR ESCAPE TO MAKE A NEW FATE FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYONE'S HAPPINESS —

HA

WHAT A GLORIOUS DEED —!!

SHE [AI-REN] ...

AI ..

IKURU ...

THERE IS ONE THING YOU MUST KNOW.

IN TRUTH, IT MAY BE A SIMPLE FANTASY ...

HER SMILE THAT YOU SEE ..

A BEING MADE TO COMFORT PITEOUS BEINGS LIKE YOU ...

IT MAY BE AN IMITATION IN LINE WITH HER CHEM-ICAL.Y-MADE PERSONALITY ..

.....

IS IT OKAY EVEN THEN ...!?

EVEN IF EVERY-THING IS A FANTASY ...

I ..

AI ...

.....

YES ...

LOVE THAT
IS NOT FANTASY
DOES NOT EXIST
IN THIS WORLD
—…

!

HUMANS HAVE
THE POWER TO
CHANGE FANTASY
INTO REALITY
…

BUT

THAT IS CALLED LOVE...

AI ... IS LATE ...

DID... DID SHE GET LOST ...?

AH ...

THE PHARMACY IS RIGHT BELOW US.

THAT CAN'T BE ..

SFX: BEEP BEEP

HAH!

IKURU

WHOOSH

HMM ...

I SHOULD GO FIND HER ..

SHE MUST DEFIN-TE-LY BE SEARCH-ING.

NO !!

YES ?!

BA-BUMP

WHAT WOULD AI HAVE BEEN LIKE BEFORE SHE BECAME AN AI-REN ...!?

MANUFAC-TURING THAT KIND OF PER-SONALITY

IS DIFFICULT —!!

AI IS ...

for well

DEFINITELY CAME FROM A PLACE WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF.

ARE YOU NEW TO THIS SYSTEM?

IF SO, THEN I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING OF IMPORTANCE.

UH-HUH

UNDER-STAND?

YOU DON'T NEED THOSE KINDS OF THOUGHTS!

DON'T WONDER ABOUT WHY YOU WERE BORN—!!

BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT

LOTS AND LOTS ~!!

THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS THAT AI LIKES~!!

and

and

Pretty apron

Color pencils

Fun books to read

Long-lived tomato

The bike I ride with Ikuru

Guitar

Ikuru's piano

Ikuru

!?

Ikuru's scramble

UH-HUH ♡

I HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE.

SOMEONE YOU LIKE..?

...

HA

HA

HA

UGH !!

IKURU ~♡

GLAM-OROUS ♡

HA

FOR ONE WHOSE LIKE A NEW-BORN, HE KNOWS QUITE WELL !!

REALLY? MUST BE ONE AMAZING BASTARD!

HA

I BELIEVED I WOULD BECOME A GREAT HERO

I THOUGHT THAT IF I GAVE MY ALL TO THOSE WHO ARE MORE HEROIC AND MORAL THAN I, THEN I THOUGHT I COULD HOLD AN HONORABLE LIFE IN MY HANDS.

BUT THAT IS A MISTAKEN CONCEPTION !

HUMANS CAN'T BE HEROIC IN THE END!

THAT'S WHY THESE CHILDREN WHO [illegible] EVEN THE [illegible] OF A HUMAN BEING CAN LIVE.

MY EYES SEE WHAT IS NOT LIGHT AND MY EARS HEAR WHAT IS NOT SOUND.

WE CAN LAUGH TOGETHER AND BE LONELY TOGETHER !

LET THEM KNOW MY WISHES FOR THEM TO BE HEALTHY.

THAT IS THE BEST A HUMAN CAN DO!

MISTER, YOU ARE A HERO!

MISTER !!

SQUEEZE ME

!?

NO I'M NOT!! THIS IS ONLY THE IMAGE OF A FAILED DOG...!!

N-NO ...!!

!?

MISTER, YOU DON'T LOSE TO ANYONE!

YOU'RE THE HERO TO THESE CHILDREN ~!!

SEE~~ EVERYONE'S SAYING THANK-YOU!

HEROIC

!!

YOU
..
YOU
ARE
..!

WHO ...

YOU.. YOU ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD ..

ARE YOU ...?

AI

N-
NOT
HERE
..?
LIGH
!!
SFX: (WHAM)

IKURU ~

CHATTER

AI !!

EVEN IF HE'S HER INFE-RIOR!

WHAT'S THIS WEAK-LING?

I WAS WITH M.STER !

WHERE DID YOU GO?

IKURU ♡

M.S-TER?

Eeeyap!

WALK

WALK

WALK

BYE ~~

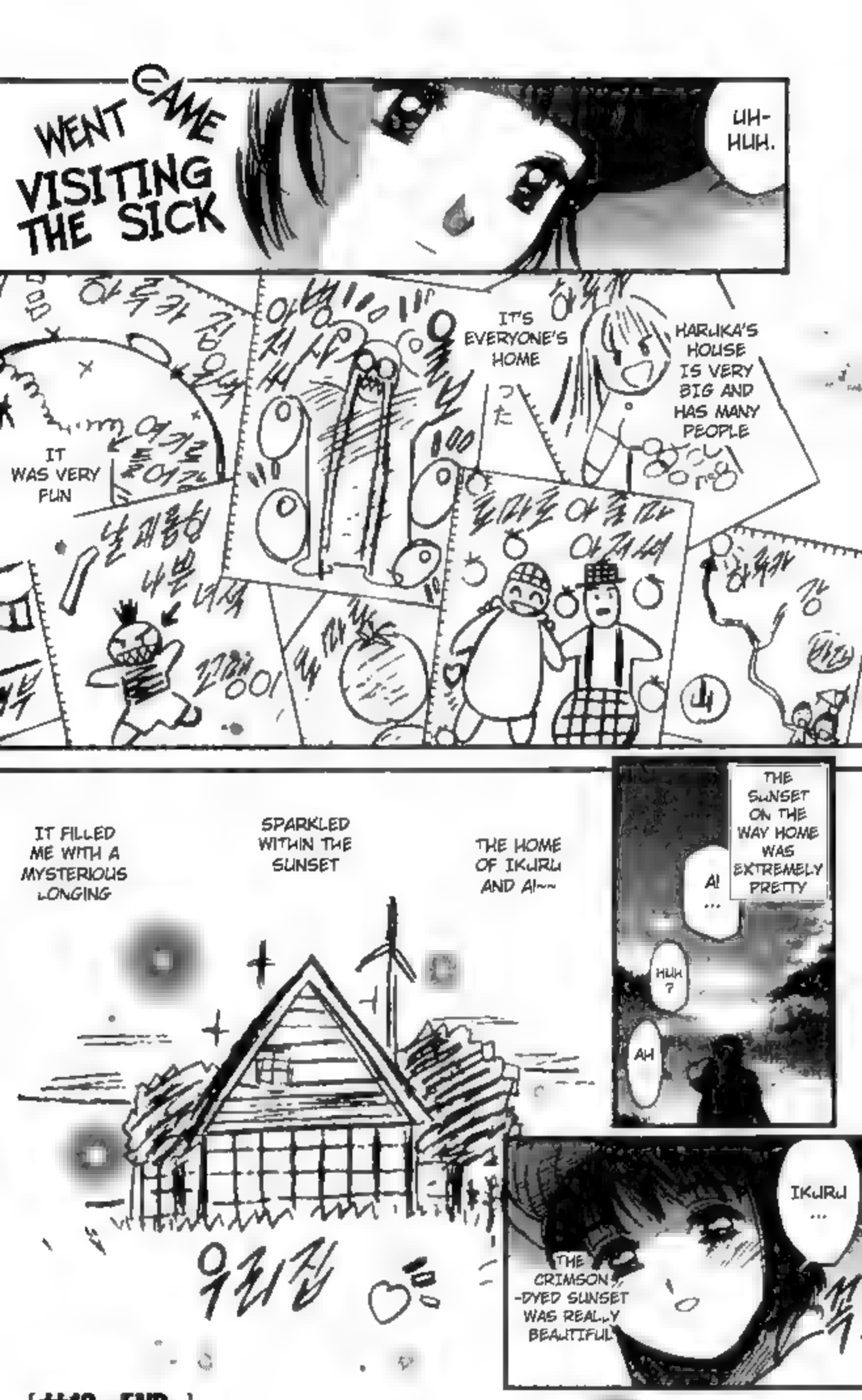
.....

I'M ONLY MEETING STRANGE ONES TODAY

?

HARUKA'S HOUSE — WHAT AN AMAZING PLACE.

HUH? OKAY ...?


WENT CAME
VISITING THE SICK
UH-HUH.
IT'S EVERYONE'S HOME
HARUKA'S HOUSE IS VERY BIG AND HAS MANY PEOPLE
IT WAS VERY FUN
THE SUNSET ON THE WAY HOME WAS EXTREMELY PRETTY
AI ...
HUH ?
AH
IT FILLED ME WITH A MYSTERIOUS LONGING
SPARKLED WITHIN THE SUNSET
THE HOME OF IKURU AND AI~~
IKURU ...
THE CRIMSON -DYED SUNSET WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL

[#12 - END -]

#13 Adolescence

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

THESE STRAW-BERRIES ARE AMA-ZINGLY FRESH.

WANT A TASTE?

TODAY'S DESSERT W..L BE DELIC-IOUS

SNAP

AH... RIGHT NOW YOUR HANDS ARE ...

AH ..

UH-HUH

UH-HUH

BA-BUMP

THEN ...

HA

HA

OK

SFX: <RUSH>

!?

SUCK

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

THE END

AH !!

SFX: <PULL>

.....

UH-HUH !!

WERE YOU TRYING TO EAT ME AS WELL?

AI

I WANT TO EAT IKURU

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

I THINK IKURU WILL BE DELICI-OUS ~♡

IKURU SHOULD ALSO SAY "AAAH."
BUT THAT'S RAW M- EAT.

SPLASH

SSSHHHH

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

I'M SCARED, IKURU...

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

IKURU —!

HHHWA !!

EYYYY- YAAAA~ ♡

SFX. <HUG>

W... WHAT IS IT ?

YOU'RE STILL DRIP-PING WET ...!!

RUB RUB RUB

IKURU! IKURU! IKURU — !!

HEHE

'CAUSE IT'S FUN~!!

UU UU UNG ~

AI... WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN ...?!

STOP IT!!

A ... AI

AH AH AH

SFX: <SQUEEZE SQUEEZE>

HOW IS IT? HUH? HOW IS IT?

HUH?

HUH?

HUH?

FLAP

SFX: <BLUSH>

....

HEE ...

HEEE EEEE !!

SFX: <DA DA DA DA>

SFX: <POURING RAIN>

IKURU
..

RUB

RUB RUB

SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU?

NOPE

.....

NOPE .. HUH ?

IKURU

SORRY FOR BEING TOO RAM-BUNCT-IOUS

IKURU, ABOUT BEFORE ...

MY CHEST.. FEELS HOT..

IKURU ... MY CHEST ...

EVEN IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE

IT'S WEIRD ...

IT'S BEEN STRANGE RECENTLY ..

I JUST CAN'T STAY STILL.

MY CHEST HURTS TOO MUCH ..

SO MUCH THAT IT CALLS FORTH TEARS.

CONT-INUE TO LIKE AI.

IT'S WEIRD ...

MY CHEST HURTS TOO MUCH ...

SO MUCH THAT IT CALLS FORTH TEARS.

AH

...

UH-
HUH
..

HURTS
!?

HERE
..

AS ME
...

SAME
...

SFX: <POURING RAIN>

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

COME HERE

SFX. <RUB>

IT'S TRUE ...

IKURU'S CHEST IS ALSO HOT.

DOES IT TICKLE?

UH-HUH BUT T.. FEELS NICE

PAT AI'S HEAD PLEASE.

AH ..

GOOD GOOD

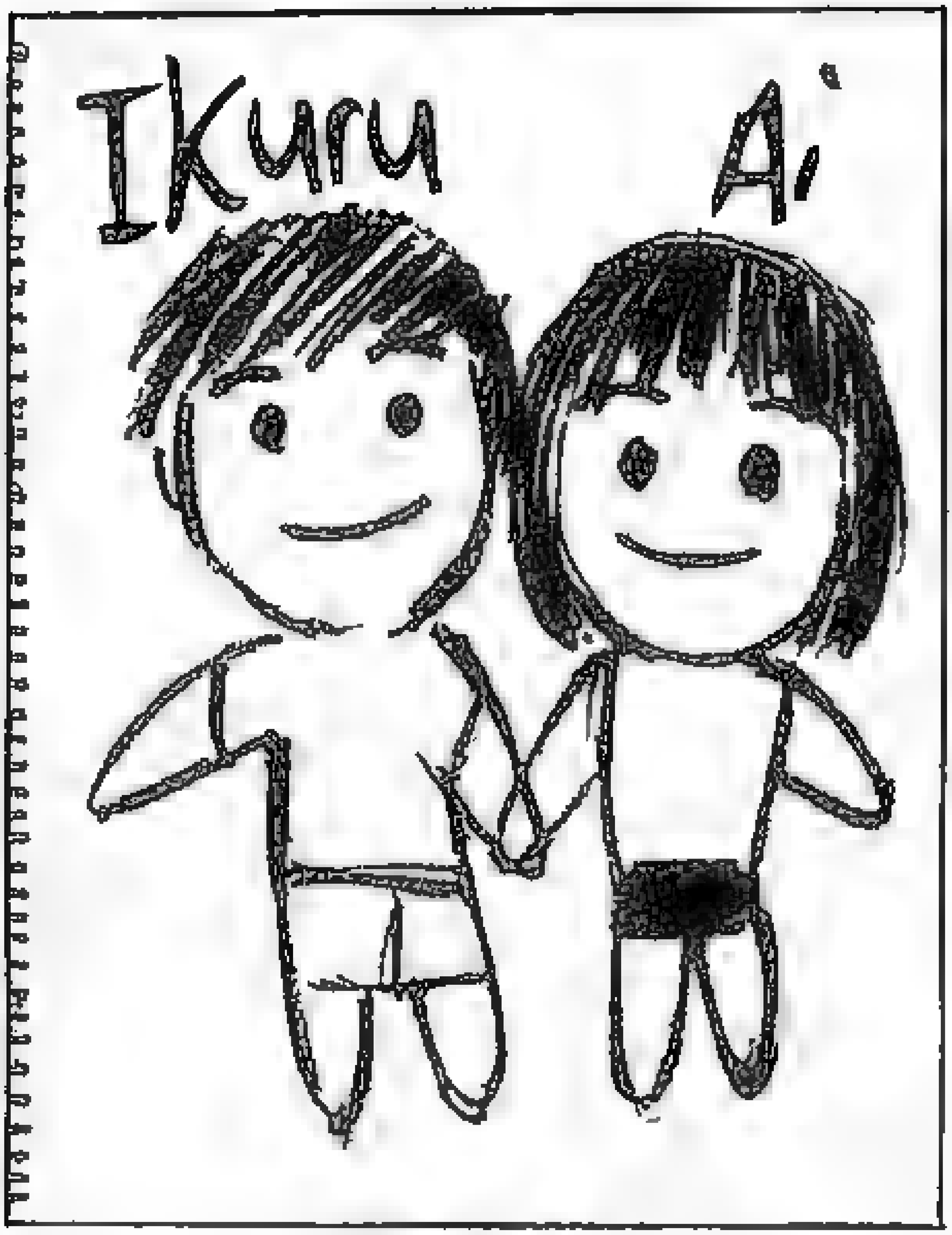
OKAY

AH ...

AI

SFX: (POURING RAIN)

EH?
EH?
WHERE SHOULD I DO IT?
WHAT IS IT ?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TRY, IKURU.
AH
AH
SFX: <POOF>
AH... NO, IT TICKLES !!
HEE HEE HEE IKURU
SLEPT TO OUR HEARTS' CONTENT
THE NEXT DAY... FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER AI ARRIVED
EH
I#13 끝-I



愛人 [AI JIN]

#14 Will

HUH ?

IKURU !!

AH

BEEP BO BEEP BO ♡

AI'S BODY IS SOFT AND WARM.

FOR SOME REASON FINDING REL EF

BEEP BO

BEEP BO

BEEP BO

AH DON'T !

AI AND I HAVE LEARNED TO TOUCH EACH OTHER'S BODIES

AH!! YOU CAN'T. I'M TAKING THE IV!

HO HO —

I WON'T MOVE ♡

HA HA
AH HA
HA HA HA
TICKLE
TICKLE
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU RIDE THE ROLLER-COASTER OF TICKLES —!
WARMTH OF LIFE
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S ALIVE AND
I FEEL HAPPY ...
WHERE AI TOUCHES BECOMES WARM ...
NO, I'M GOING TO DO IT MORE
TIK TIK
DON'T ~
HA HA
TICKLE

HAPPINESS...?

THIS IS NOT THE AI WHO CO-ULDN'T EVEN SPEAK PROP-ERLY IN THE BEGINNING..!
TEACH ME HOW TO MAKE IT LATER —
FLO-URIS-HING
AI IS ...
WE HAVE A NEW MENU TODAY
I'LL PREPARE THE SNACKS
CAN WE REMAIN THE W[illegible] IS[illegible] NOT TO TELL HER?
UH-HUH
I'M WAIT-ING
NO, IT'S WAIT A SE-HERE CRET.
ALTH-OUGH HER DRAW-INGS REMA-IN CH-ILDISH
AI W[illegible] HELP.
WHAT W[illegible] YOU MAKE?

AN AI-REN MADE TO COMFORT ME WHO HASN'T GOT MUCH TIME LEFT ... ABOVE ALL ELSE

THAT AI AND I ARE HUMAN BEINGS WITH DIFFERENT GENETIC MAKE UP ...

THE TRUTH ..

THAT THE LIFE OF AI HER-SELF WILL SOON EXTIN-GUISH...

AH

OH

IS IT OKAY NOT TO TELL HER SOM-ETHING AS IMPO-RTANT AS THIS?

AH
...

AH
..

AH!
...

WOW
...

WOW
..

WOW
...

WHAT ... WHAT HAPP-ENED?

RIGHT NOW ..

I ALMOST DIED?

THUMP

UGH ...!!

I MUST NOT LOSE CON-SCIOU-SNESS

IT'S DAN-GER-OUS !!

IT HURTS !!

IT HURTS !!

IT HURTS !!

MY VOICE WON'T WORK ...!!

I'LL DIE!

DRIP

DRIP

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

I DON'T WANT TO DIE THIS WAY ...

NO ..

AH

OOH OOH

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

DID IT PASS ..?

I REA- LIZE

BUT ..

I HEARD THE AWKWARD PLAY OF THE PIANO...

I CAN'T LET IT END THIS WAY ~!

NO !!

LIKE A FANTASY TO THE EYES OF THE WORLD, BUT AI IS. .

IT MAY SEEM . .

DEFINITELY NOT —!!

AI ...

A PRECIOUS TREASURE I HAVE UNEARTHED—!!

AI IS ...

I WILL

I WON'T TEACH HER THAT!!

OF FATE

MY FATE

IN OTHER WORDS...

I WON'T LET HER SUFFER OR BE SAD

I'LL MAKE CERTAIN OF THAT!!

I WANT HER TO BE HAPPY, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE—

LAUGH

LAUGH
...

PAIN...!!

SOMEONE
...
HELP ME
...!!

AI FOUND IT THE NEXT DAY

KYAA !!

THUMP

WHAT'S THIS, IKURU ?

(HUH ?

I DROPPED SOMETHING

SORRY

SOMETHING MUST HAVE BEEN DRAGGED ALONG WHEN I TOOK OUT THE NEW SEAT FROM THE DRAWER

THAT ..

AHHH

THAT'S OUR PARENT'S ...

MOTHER AND FATHER —

?

A FEW OF THEIR HOME VIDEO DISKS ...

THE CLOTH BURNT ALMOST TO A CRISP ... THE GOLD PIECE ALMOST MELTED COMPLETELY ...

THIS IS A PIECE OF MY PARENTS.

RESCUED A REGISTERED SAMPLE

UH-HUH

WHEN THE LABORATORY HAD AN ACCIDENT..

THIS IS IKURU'S MOTHER AND FATHER?

FROM BEFORE I WAS BORN ..

JUST A HOME VIDEO!

WHAT IS THIS A RECORD OF ?

THE NAME IKURU WAS GIVEN TO ME ONLY BECAUSE T WAS WRITTEN ON A DISK

THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED BEFORE THE REGISTRATION COULD OCCUR. THAT'S HOW I FOUND THE TEMPLE

I WANT TO SEE

UM

"IKURU'S STORY"

UM ...

UM ...

THIS IS THE PERSON ?

YUP

EH? SOMETHING ELSE IS RECORDED HERE.

I SHOULD ERASE IT LATER.

BUT I AM

HI I'M YOUR FATHER.

UM ...

THEY SHOWED IT TO ME A FEW TIMES AT THE LAB

LOOK AT THE CAM-ERA.

HAHA. IT'S A BIT AWK-WARD

YOU'RE IN MY BELLY RIGHT NOW

HI? THIS IS MOM

WE SAW YOU ON SCREEN AT THE HOSPITAL TODAY.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I'M SPEAK-ING TO YOU HERE.

I COULD FEE- ABSO- -LITELY NOTHING ...

IT'S BEEN 10 MONTHS SINCE WE MOVED YOU INTO YOUR MOM'S TUMMY ...

WE WERE SO HAPPY ...

YOU'RE WERE MOVING YOUR SMALL HANDS AND FEET SO ENERGETICALLY

THIS IS YOUR NAME —!!

IKURU —!!

TA DA -!!

YOU CAN COME OUT INTO THE WORLD IN A BIT

WE'LL BE A FAMILY !

WE THOUGHT IT UP

"IKURU"

YOU PRON-OUNCE IT...

MOM AND DAD WORK HERE

AS THIS COL-ONY'S EMPLO-YEES ...

OUR NAMES ALSO COMPRISE OF ONLY ONE CHRACTER WHEN WRITTEN IN CHINESE!!

AFTER PROLONGED THINKING ON YOUR MOM AND DAD'S PART, ANYWAY

IT'S GOOD, RIGHT ?

IT WON'T GET ERASED

I SHOULD ERASE THIS ONE TOO

WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING THAT FOR?

AH! I DIDN'T REA-LIZE -!!

THAT'S WHY OUR SALARY IS AS SMALL AS A RAT'S TAIL

WELL, NOT AS GOOD AS A DOCTOR ...

THOUGH IT'S IN SPACE

JUST AN EMPL-OYEE ...

I'LL TELL YOU HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO BE BORN.

OUR WORK STATIONS WERE DIFFERENT, BUT AT A CERTAIN MEETING .

THE STORY GETS LONG HERE.

YOUR MOM AND DAD MET IN THE COLONY

IT WAS A HAPPY STORY ...

IT WAS AN EMOTION-FILLED STORY OCCURRING IN AN UN-FAMILIAR PLACE

DEC-IDED

THE TWO OF US

IKU-RU ...

AND WE DECIDED TO HAVE A CHILD

ALTHOUGH IT REQUIRED MUCH COURAGE ...

MANY PEOPLE SAY THAT HAVING A CHILD IN THIS ERA IS IRRESP-ONSIBLE.

IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPECT A BRIGHT FUTURE

IS NOT A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, TO TELL THE TRUTH

THE PLACE YOU'LL BE BORN INTO

WE WANTED YOU

YET STILL ...

WE DECIDED IT WAS THROUGH YOUR MOM'S BODY

YOUR MET-HOD OF BIRTH

SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST GIFT I CAN GIVE TO YOU!

WE WANTED TO DO JUST THAT

DON'T WORRY! WE CAN DEFINITELY SHAPE OUR FUTURE!!

AS HUMANS HAVE DONE IN THE DISTANT PAST

WE CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE IN OUR OWN HANDS!

I'M VERY PROUD.

ALTHOUGH IT'S A LITTLE SCARY

WE WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU WHEN YOU CAN THINK ON YOUR OWN ABOUT WORK

IN TRUTH, WE'RE THINKING OF GIVING YOU THIS VIDEO WHEN YOU LEAVE THE NEST

WE'LL PROTECT YOU AT SUCH MOMENTS

THIS IS THE EVID-ENCE ..!

EVEN FOR YOU

THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE UP ON LIFE.

LIVING IS DIFFICULT!

THE EVIDENCE THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO HOPED FOR YOUR EXISTENCE WITH THEIR LIVES

—

WE'LL BE WAIT-ING

WE HAVE SUCH EXPECT-ATIONS

WE'LL PROB-ABLY MEET SOON

PLEASE BE BORN HEALTHY

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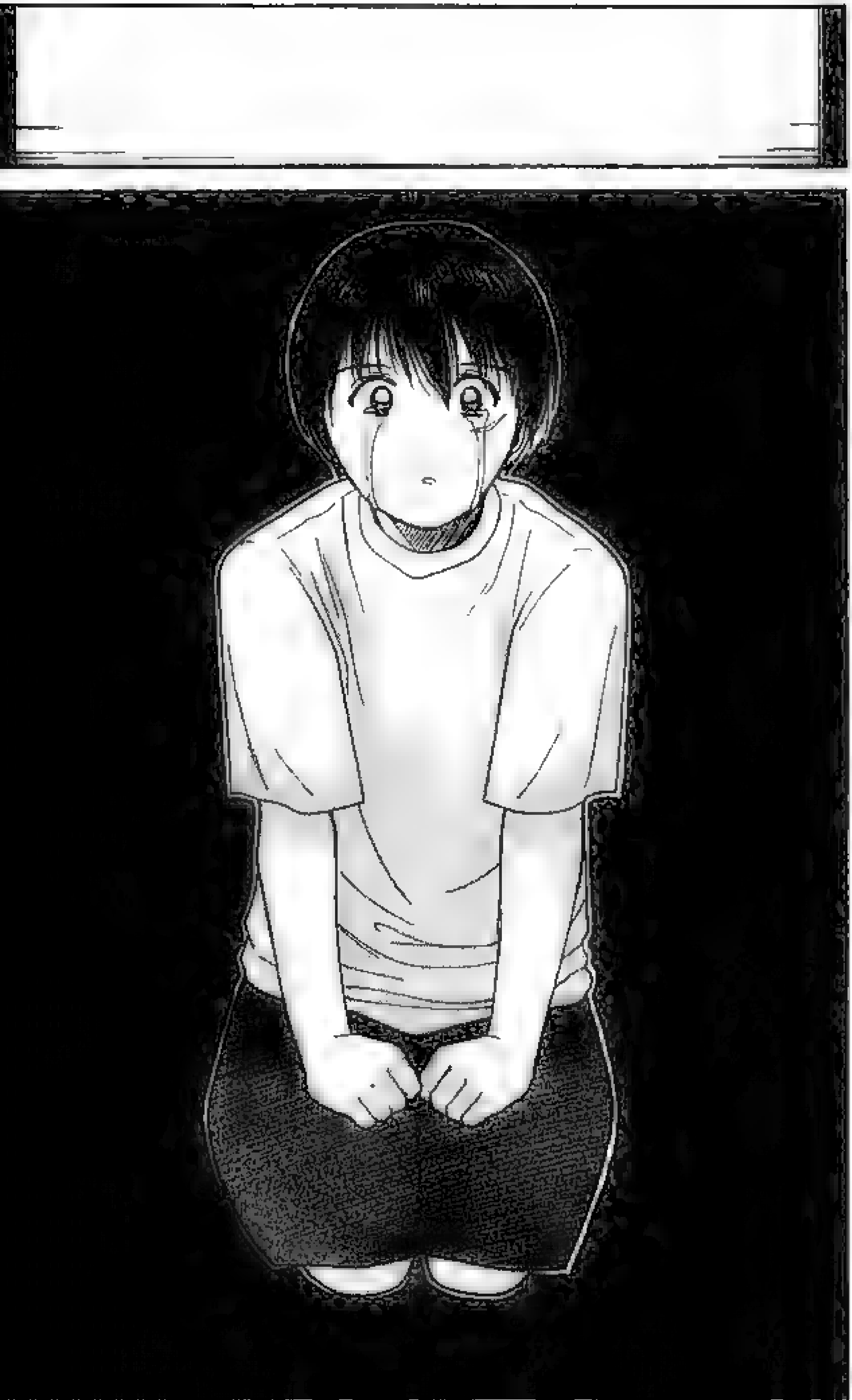

AH...
I...

AS MUCH
AS I NEED
WHILE I
AM ALIVE

IK-
URL

MOM
..
DAD
...

OH NO

WE'LL
BE
ABLE
TO
MEET
SOON

ALREADY

I WAS
BEING
LOVED

SO UNTIL THEN

BUT SOMEONE . . . I WANT TO BE ABLE TO TREASURE AND MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY!!

I PROBABLY CAN'T FORM ANYTHING RIGHT

I CAN'T SHAPE THE FUTURE

I CAN LIVE MY LIFE TO THE FULLEST. MY LIFE . . .

AI . . . I'LL PROTECT YOU

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#15 Weeping Woman

THANK YOU

YOU CAN EAT THIS TOGETHER WITH THAT --

IT CAN SUPPRESS ALL KINDS OF PAIN SO DON'T WORRY.

IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE ERA WHERE PAIN CONTROL HAD NOT BEEN WELL DEVEL-OPED.

TH-ANK YOU.

BANG BANG

IKURU

PEEP

EVEN FOR A LITTLE WHILE, FOR A FEW MONTHS,

I WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.

TEA-CHER

DID YOUR FINISH YOUR SECR-ET DISCUS-SION WITH HARUKA?

NOT YET

UNTIL AI TAKES HER LAST BREATH ...

UNTIL AI FINISHES HER LIFE-SPAN.

I DECIDED TO LIVE SMILING ...

I AM SATIS-FIED

IS THAT ALRI-GHT?

.....

I WON'T TEACH HER ANYT-HING

NOT ABOUT ME AND NOT ABOUT AI

..

I WON'T MAKE HER SCARED NOR SAD.

BYE!

HE AND AI WHOM HE LOVES WALKED THE ROAD HOME

SFX: <SSSSSSSSTTTT>

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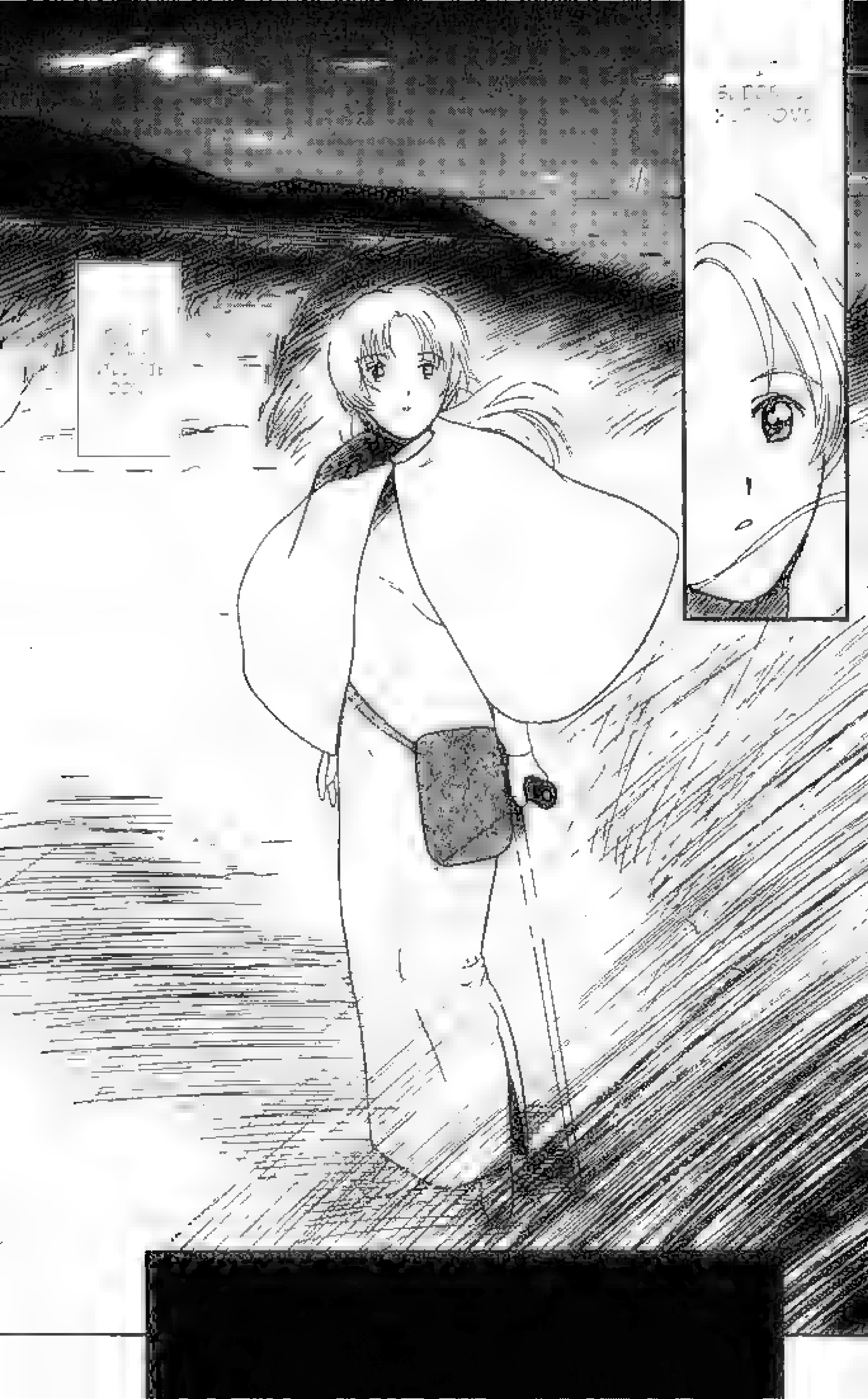

HMM ...

HA A

THIS THIS MUST BE NAGI HARUKA SENSEI.

YOU ARE AS BEAU-TIFUL AS THE RUMORS SAY.

THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME MEETING A SPHINX FACE-TO -FACE...

PLEASE BE GOOD TO US.

SFX: <SMILE SMILE>

IS THAT SO?

.....

THE PARENT OF THE SPHINX

DOCTOR NAGI PH.D

IS DOING WELL ...?

YET

SPHINX

..

NO, SENSEI'S GLORIOUS POINTS AREN'T JUST IN THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE BUT IS IN HER CHARACTER AS WELL ...!!

AH ...

PLEASE EXCUSE US. .!!

WE ARE MOVED BY YOUR HUMANITY

YOU DO NOT SEEK YOUR PERSONAL GAIN BUT LIVE TO TREAT THE SICK IN A HOUSE SUCH AS THIS

DESPITE HAVING POWERS INCOMPARABLE TO THOSE OF NORMAL HUMANS

WE CAN TRULY CALL IT [THE COMPLETION OF HUMANITY].

WE CAME TO DELIVER THE NEWS.

WE WANT TO INVITE DR. NAGI TO BECOME EARTH'S CITIZEN.

AS DISC-USSED EARLIER

WE ARE TRULY SORRY BUT...

SINCE THE DOCTOR'S STORY IS

THE STORY OF HUMANITY'S POSSI-BILITIES ..!

A GIRL BORN WHO COULD NOT EVEN BREATHE

WITH EYES THAT CANNOT SEE, EARS THAT CANNOT HEAR,

LIMBS THAT CANNOT MOVE

TO OVERCOME THAT HANDICAP AND BECOME

WHO PUSHED HUMANITY TO ADVANCE.

A GIANT OF A BIOLOGIST

SINCE SHE COULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED DEATH

FROM THE SPHINX WOMAN SHE HAD MADE.

[MOTHER OF THE HUMAN RACE].

IS PRAISED AS THE

AFTER-WARD, THE DOCTOR

HAS NOT SHOWN HER FORM TO ONE PERSON ...

WHAT ...

YET ..

KLIOFOOF

UGH !

SFX: <POURING RAIN>

BEEE

OOF !!

DON'T WORRY, IT'S ONLY WATER . .

SFX: <POURING RAIN>

DRIP

HALT !!

OOOH

YOINK

YOINK

SEN-SEI !!

THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT IS MALFUN-CTIONING, CORRECT?

SFX: <POURING RAIN>

THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN RACE ...

HA- LT

YES

OH GR- EAT ..

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET HER ...?

SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>

SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP>

A PERSON WHO HAS LIVED THROUGH MACHINES CIRCUITED WITH HER BRAIN INSTEAD OF HER REAL BODY

THIS IS THE ONLY THING SHE CAN DO...

SHE PLAYS THESE KINDS OF PRANKS FROM TIME TO TIME.

HACKING THE EEG SYSTEMS HERE,

SHE CAN'T WALK AROUND HERE SINCE SHE CAN'T WALK IN THE FIRST PLACE BUT

NOW, PLEASE RETURN HOME.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE SO INTELLIGENT ..

YOU OPENED THE NURSING CAPSULE YET AGAIN

...

NO

UHM ..

NO !!

AS YOU CAN SEE, SOME-TIMES ..

NO --

THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN RACE WHO CAN SPEAK OF HUMANITY'S POSSIB-ILITIES

NO LONGER EXISTS ...

NO -O

CERT-AINLY NOT!!

CUTE HARUKA ~

HAR-UKA

HAR-UKA

.....

I'M HERE

IT'S ALR-IGHT, MOM

HAR-UKA

OH MY, ARE YOU IN A GOOD MOOD?

YOU'RE THINKING OF ME AS THE DAUGHTER . . OF AN ORD-INARY HUMAN.

PREC-IOUS HARUKA

HAR-UKA

WHY MOM

I'M JEALOUS . . .

IF IT IS ABOUT

YOU'VE FINALLY GAINED SOME PEACE

YOU'RE HAPPY, RIGHT . .?

KILIT

I KNOW NOT-HING.

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME ..!

WHY HE DESCENDED TO THIS EARTH AND WHAT HE CAME TO DO ...

HOW MUCH DOES SHE KNOW ?!

.....!!

ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR IS YOUR COOPERATION !!

DON'T MIS-UND-ERS-TAND !

WAIT A MOMENT --!!

OR WERE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE ME BY FORCE TO THE SOUTH POLE ...!?

THIS IS NOT A PLACE THAT SUITS THE LIKES OF YOU!

THERE'S NO ONE HERE BUT THOSE YOU HURT AND ABANDONED !!

NOW PLEASE GO BACK

IT MUST BE AS THOUGH THEY HAD NEVER EXISTED !!

WE'RE HOPING THAT THE 'HITO' WILL RETURN TO SPACE AS IT IS--

THAT IS THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE ...

WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL COOPERATE ON THE MATTERS CONCERNING HIM.

ISN'T KILIT, THEIR LEADER, A SPHINX JUST LIKE YOU!

SFX: (CRACK)

ONNNN

ONNNNN

ONNNNNN

NO

NO

I CAN'T LISTEN TO THE PLEADING OF A HUMAN BEARING ARMS!

AH

AH

HOW WELL YOU CAME INTO THIS HOUSE CARRYING BIONIC WEAPONS!

HAHA.. SPHINX WHO SURPASSES ORDINARY HUMANS ARE CERTAINLY ..

HOWEVER, YOU MUST STILL KNOW

YOU SHOULD BE AS-HAMED !

WHAT WILL OCCUR IF WE LEFT THE 'HITO'S AS IS...

OI OI

OI OI

IN THE SAME PLANET HUMANS STRONGER THAN THEMSELVES APPEARED ..

NOTHING ELSE THAN A NOTE OF EXECITION TO THE UPSTAGED HUMAN RACE!

THE TRUTH IS

NO CHOICE OTHER THAN TO END ...

IS CREATED BY THE HUMAN RACE ITSELF --!!

SINCE MAN'S SOCIETY OR CULTURE OR NAME

IT MEANS THAT POLITICS, RELIGIONS, & ECONOMY WILL ALL DISAPPEAR

THE WORLD WILL VANISH

I'M NOT IN A GOOD MOOD.

IT'S UNFORTUNATE BUT

THE TRAGEDY THAT IS THE END OF MAN IS BEGINNING ALL AROUND THE WORLD!

WHAT ..?

!?

DO YOU FEEL NOTHING-?!

WILL YOU JUST STAND BY AND WATCH ?!

SFX: <THROW>

GET OUT --

TAKE THEM WITH YOU AS WELL, THE ONE'S WHO'VE BEEN SPYING ON MY HOUSE FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS!

DISAPPEAR --!!

IT'S GOING TO BE MAGIC

HOO-
OOOO
..

!

HOW MANY TIMES HAD I TRIED TO KILL YOU ...

THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN RACE ...

.....

IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, MOM'S HERE

I'LL PAT YOU

GOOD GOOD

YES YES

.....

HAR-UKA

LOVABLE HARUKA

PAIN GO AWAY ~!

PAIN GO AWAY ~!

DISAPPEAR INTO THAT FARAWAY MOUNTAIN.

PAIN GO AWAY ~!

MOM ...

I CAN'T SAVE HIM ...

THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO ...

THE BOY I LIKE IS DYING ...

IKURU
...

PAIN,
PAIN GO
AWAY--
!!

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